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THE PUBLIC LANDS IN EARLY MISSOURI POLITICS

BY DONALD J. ABRAMOSKE*

Missourians were unhappy in 1820. Only the year before, when the eastern section of the Nation was already in the throes of a severe depression, Missourians still reveled in an orgy of land speculation and overexpansion. But by the end of 1820, with the banks of the Nation attempting to save themselves from ruin by curtailing credit and calling in loans, Missouri, too, began to pay for the financial excesses of the preceding years. Prices were tumbling, banks failing, lands selling for taxes, recent settlers returning to their old homes in Kentucky and Tennessee.¹ The symptoms frightened Missourians: "Merchants without trade, mechanicks [sic] without employ; agriculture without any encouragement, and withal a mass of debts, far beyond our present means of liquidating; so that . . . there is scarcely an individual who does not find himself thrown, as it were, out of his element, and anxiously enquiring, what is to become of us?"²

Always complicating western economic problems was the vast public domain. Before 1820 the Federal Government sold its land on credit at a minimum price of two dollars an acre with a minimum purchase of 160 acres. A discount on cash purchases reduced the price to \$1.64. But if any installment were not paid within one year after it became due the land was considered forfeited and again offered at auction for a sum no less than the amount still due.³

Buying land on credit, optimistic settlers and speculators over-extended themselves by investing too large a portion of their capital on the first installment. Money was flowing freely in 1819, and hopes were high, as buyers anticipated that the first bumper crops would provide the money for the next installment. Or, better yet, farmers who had "taken up" more land than they needed expected to get money by selling part of their land to a migrant at a profit.⁴

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¹Dorothy B. Dorsey, "The Panic of 1819 in Missouri," *Missouri Historical Review*, XXIX (January, 1935), 79-84; Hattie M. Anderson, "Frontier Economic Problems in Missouri, 1815-1828," *Missouri Historical Review*, XXXIV (October, 1930), 54-64.

²*St. Louis Enquirer*, April 14, 1821.

³Benjamin Horace Hibbard, *A History of the Public Land Policies* (New York, 1924), 82-83.

⁴Dorsey, "Panic of 1819," *M. H. R.*, XXIX, 82.

Under the credit system, consequently, at the end of 1820 Missourians owned the Federal Government \$2,363,936.32.⁵

But by this time the depression had taken hold. Money no longer flowed freely. There were practically no new migrants from the East. Because of a lack of markets or ruinously low prices the bumper crops rotted in the fields. Missourians, unable to pay their huge debt, "were faced with the terrifying possibility of losing their farms, their improvements, and their homes; perhaps even a term in debtors' prison."⁶

For years the credit system had given Congress a great deal of trouble. The panic of 1819 came as an awful climax to the program, finally forcing a revision of the land laws. In 1820 Congress abolished the credit system. Thereafter land was to be sold for cash with a new minimum price of \$1.25 per acre. At the same time purchasers were allowed to buy tracts as small as 80 acres. Western land debtors were given further relief in the Relinquishment Act of 1821. Giving a further extension of time for the payment of old debts assumed under the credit system, the act also provided for the relinquishment of a portion of the debtor's land. The money already paid on the land might be applied to installments due on the part of the land not relinquished to the Federal Government.⁷

Although frontiersmen thankfully took advantage of the relief measures, from the point of view of Missouri and the West the new method of selling the public lands was little more satisfactory than the old credit system. Credit or no credit, it was as difficult as ever to raise the capital to buy land. Actually, no federal land system could have completely satisfied the West. The West wanted the lands in private hands or under state control. Only then would the section no longer be drained of much-needed currency paid for federal lands. Then and only then would the West be able to control its own economic destiny. The most acceptable program, if there must be a federal land program, would be the one which promised to transfer the lands quickly from public to private ownership, or from federal to state control. This, in essence, is precisely what Missouri's Thomas Hart Benton proposed.

Senator Benton's proposal, known as graduation-donation, was to prove an essential factor contributing to the political success of his Jacksonian party in Missouri. It provided, first, for a graduated

⁵American State Papers. *Public Lands* (Washington, 1832-1861), III, 645; IV, 795.

⁶Ray Allen Billington, *Westward Expansion* (New York, 1949), 350.

⁷Hibbard, *Public Land Policies*, 95, 98.

reduction of a minimum price at which the public lands would be offered for sale. By successive reductions, depending upon the length of time the unsold land had already been on the market, the prices would be reduced in a few years from \$1.25 to 25 cents an acre. Second, land which remained unsold after being offered at 25 cents would be donated in small tracts to actual settlers. And third, public lands which were not disposed of through sale or donation were to be ceded to the states in which they were located.⁸

Over the years Benton made some changes in these proposals. When he first introduced a graduation bill in April, 1824, for example, no provision was made for ceding land to the states, and the lowest minimum price was 50 instead of 25 cents.⁹ Nonetheless, in general graduation-donation soon came to mean graduated prices, donations to settlers, and cessions of "refuse lands" to the states.

As far as congressional action was concerned, Benton's graduation-donation scheme was a failure during his 30 years in the Senate. Not until 1854 was a graduation bill enacted. But this long delay actually worked to Benton's advantage, for he was thus allowed to keep his popular proposals before western voters. In Congress, Benton annually reintroduced graduation-donation bills. His frequent, elaborate speeches on the subject "had more effect," as he wrote in his memoirs, "upon the public mind than upon federal legislation."¹⁰

In debates on the floor of the Senate, Benton insisted that federal land sales would increase under a graduation program.

⁸*Congressional Debates*, 19th Cong., 1st Sess., 720, 725; 19th Cong., 2d Sess., 39-40; 20th Cong., 1st Sess., 484, 581-82, 610.

⁹*Annals of Congress*, 18th Cong., 1st Sess., 582-83.

¹⁰Thomas Hart Benton, *Thirty Years' View* (New York, 1854-56), I, 103.



From Alonso Chappel painting, Nat'l Portrait Gallery of Eminent Amer., II

Senator Thomas Hart Benton

Enough revenue would be produced to eliminate the public debt and the necessity of raising additional federal revenues through tariffs. Thus, the whole nation would benefit:

My bill is not of a sectional or local character. It is not intended for the exclusive or peculiar benefit of the new States in the West, but comprehends within its liberal scope, the essential interest of every State in the Union. Every State . . . is essentially interested in having the public debt paid off, and its citizens relieved from the load of taxes which they now bear on account of it.¹¹

The really sectional land program, he pointed out, was not graduation but the system then in effect, because it placed the new states at a disadvantage. Under the current land system western states were "not equal in sovereignty to the old states":

The old States have a right to make primary disposition of the soil within their limits; the new ones have not. The old States have the right of taxation; the new ones have not. The old States possess the right of eminent domain; the new ones have it not. The Federal Government has no jurisdiction over the soil, timber, grass, and water, of the old states; they assert and exercise jurisdiction over all those in the new States; . . . This condition of inequality I hold to be inconsistent with the terms and spirit of the Constitution; . . . and wholly incompatible with the independence of the States themselves.¹²

It was unnatural, Benton continued, to withhold the lands from the people. "I contend that the Earth is the gift of God to man." Furthermore, placing the lands into the hands of the people was essential to the nation's future:

We are a republic, and we wish to continue so: then multiply the class of freeholders; pass the public lands cheaply and easily into the hands of the People; sell, for a reasonable price, to those who are able to pay; and give, without price, to those who are not. I say give, without price, to those who are not able to pay; and that which is so given, I consider as sold for the best of prices. . . . It brings a price above rubies—a race of virtuous and independent farmers, . . .¹³

Finally, Benton insisted that it was absurd for easterners to fret about cheap lands attracting their labor force:

¹¹*Congressional Debates*, 20th Cong., 1st Sess., 23.

¹²*Ibid.*, 19th Cong., 1st Session., 729.

¹³*Ibid.*, 727-28.

For forty years, population has been passing off from the Atlantic to the Western States, and, all the while, the Atlantic States, (with the exception of particular districts) are rapidly increasing in numbers, advancing in wealth, and flourishing in improvements. Thus, it is untrue, in point of fact, that increased emigration to the West is to depopulate the East. . . . As for the march of power, that is a thing not to be arrested by the puny efforts of man. It goes from East to West; from the rising to the setting Sun. It marches in the rear of the Sun; it follows the God of Day.

"Westward the Star of Empire wings its way."¹⁴

In 1826 and again in 1828 fat pamphlet editions of Benton's graduation-donation arguments were printed. When these pamphlets were scattered through Missouri and the West, frontiersmen and farmers were especially impressed. In Missouri graduation became tremendously popular.¹⁵ Missouri's Representative John Scott told Henry Clay that "Benton's proposition had stimulated all the people of the Western country to madness for the public lands."¹⁶ Representative Daniel P. Cook of Illinois also reported to President John Quincy Adams that "Benton made himself amazingly popular with his graduation proposals." "He relies upon it," the President commented in November, 1826, "to support his popularity in the Western country." "I have no doubt," Adams concluded, "that he will be re-elected."¹⁷

Adams, of course, was entirely correct. On December 29, 1826, the Missouri General Assembly cast 40 votes for Thomas H. Benton, 15 for one Joseph C. Brown, and one vote for William Clark.¹⁸ Thus, unlike the extremely close senatorial election of 1820, Benton was easily re-elected in 1826. The western supporters of graduation could rejoice in their advocate's victory. By the end of 1826 graduation-donation was already synonymous with the name of Benton.

The leading western opponent of graduation was Missouri's Senator David Barton, long known as a faithful supporter of "the

¹⁴*Ibid.*, 732.

¹⁵William Nisbet Chambers, *Old Bullion Benton* (Boston, 1956), 135; St. Louis *Missouri Republican*, March 13, June 22, September 28, November 16, 1826, February 19, 1828; John B. C. Lucas to John Quincy Adams, [September] 1826, in John B. C. Lucas, *Letters of Hon. J. B. C. Lucas from 1815 to 1836* (St. Louis, 1905), 78; *Congressional Debates*, 20th Cong., 1st Sess., 488-89.

¹⁶Charles Francis Adams, editor, *Memoirs of John Quincy Adams* (Philadelphia, 1874-1877), VII, 194.

¹⁷*Ibid.*, 187-88.

¹⁸*Missouri House Journal*, 4th Gen. Ass., 1st Sess., 132-33.

hunted administration" of John Quincy Adams. In April, 1828, when at last graduation came to a final vote in the Senate, Barton was the only western senator to vote with the majority to defeat the bill.¹⁹ The popularity of the measure placed him in a difficult position.

Less than a year after the defeat in April, 1828, of the graduation bill, the Missouri General Assembly passed resolutions favoring the measure.²⁰ These resolutions of November 29, 1828, must have been particularly insulting and embarrassing to Barton. On March 25, 1828, Barton told the Senate of his determination to oppose graduation in spite of its western popularity: "I have long since determined to discharge what I believed to be my solemn duty upon this subject, and leave to my constituents the exercise of their right to send another in my place to advocate this measure, should they not be convinced that it ought not to be adopted. I am aware that I have an up-hill task in the beginning."²¹

Although no other western senator voted against graduation, Barton was not without support in Missouri. A small but vigorous minority of the Missouri General Assembly did all that it could to obstruct passage of the resolutions of November 29, 1828.²²

Also vigorous in its opposition to graduation was the *St. Louis Missouri Republican*, which week after week published letters ridiculing and attacking graduation. The paper presented the standard arguments. It pointed out that under graduation the cheap lands would fall into the hands of capitalists and speculators. The Federal Government would be deprived of essential revenue. The bill would be unjust to those who had already purchased land at \$1.25 or \$2.00 an acre. It would also be unfair to the Atlantic states by holding out "a premium to their people to move."²³ Furthermore, it was not more land at 25 cents that Missouri needed. "You want money—you are gorged with land already," asserted one writer. "When your stock and furniture and tools are sold, to pay your debts, you are to have the consolation that you can buy as much more land as you please at that price, *if you can get the money.*"²⁴ The paper repeated that the people simply did not

¹⁹*Congressional Debates*, 20th Cong., 1st Sess., 678; *United States Senate Journal*, 20th Cong., 1st Sess., 323; Hibbard, *Public Land Policies*, 296.

²⁰*American State Papers, Public Lands*, V, 588.

²¹*Congressional Debates*, 20th Cong., 1st Sess., 483-84.

²²*Missouri House Journal*, 5th Gen. Ass., 1st Sess., 19, 24-25, 29, 30, 33-34, 35-38, 39-40, 44, 45-46.

²³*Missouri Republican*, July 27, 1826.

²⁴*Ibid.*, November 16, 1826.

have the money and that capitalists, not actual settlers, would gobble up the land at 25 cents an acre.

One wag suggested that the needy Westerner might petition the Federal Government for money as well as for land:

He might as well petition Congress setting forth that as by his narrow circumstances he is prevented from serving his country as he wishes, and as a citizen he has an interest in the public funds, etc., etc. that therefore he prays the United States to deal justly with him and promote the public policy, by making him a donation of ten thousand dollars in cash, which he will not fail to use most vigorously in advancing his own and the public interests.²⁵

Again and again the graduation opponents attacked Benton's motives. He was not interested in promoting the welfare of the Nation; he was merely using the lands to win votes. David Barton best presented this argument in one of his several Senate speeches attacking graduation:

But, Sir, the great danger to be apprehended from our Western lands, is not that the Federal Executive will overturn our liberties. So long as the People remain faithful to themselves, that is impossible. The great danger is, that those lands may be used by designing demagogues as the means of corrupting the People, and seducing them from their fidelity and allegiance to themselves. . . .

There is but one way of corrupting great bodies of People: Hold up to their imagination some prospect of great and sudden good or gain; some splendid El Dorado or other; and then they are in danger. . . . Once establish this state of things, and our Western lands will be made a standing buoy to be seized by any candidate for office, whose sins are weighing him down to the bottom.²⁶

A standard maneuver of the graduation opponents was to present proposals very similar to graduation but which had the advantage of not being labelled graduation and not being proposed by Thomas Hart Benton. For example, while the Missouri House Committee on Internal Improvements reported against graduation, on November 29, 1826, it offered a substitute providing "that a law of Congress be passed permitting such lands as have been offered at public auction, and which thereafter for the space of two years shall

²⁵*Ibid.*, June 20, 1825.

²⁶*Congressional Debates*, 19th Cong., 2d Sess., 44-45.

remain unsold, to be subject to be entered by parcels, or subdivisions, of forty acres."²⁷

Similarly, on May 18, 1826, David Barton told the United States Senate that he favored cession of "the refuse lands" to the states. Barton "said the most eligible plan that had suggested itself to his mind, was to pursue the present system of selling the lands at reasonable prices, until all the best was sold, and then to grant to the respective States in which they are, the refuse land, to be disposed of by the State, at her pleasure."²⁸

At the next session of Congress, Barton, on December 13, 1826, introduced a resolution instructing the Committee on Public Lands "to inquire into the expediency of encouraging the cultivators of the soil, and multiplying the number of free-holders in the United States, by making donations of small tracts of such of the Public Lands as shall have been previously offered for sale and remained unsold for a given time, to such persons as will actually inhabit and cultivate the same for some reasonable term of years."²⁹

Again, at the following session, Barton declared himself in favor of the graduation-donation provision which would grant lands to actual settlers.³⁰ He presented a substitute for graduation which would reduce the price of all lands to one dollar per acre and which would "allow any person to take a quarter section, after it shall have been in market for five years; and by inhabiting and cultivating it for five successive years, to entitle himself to a patent."³¹ These efforts of the graduation opponents to divert attention from Benton and his proposals were unsuccessful.



Shoemaker, Missouri's Struggle for Statehood

Senator David Barton

²⁷*Missouri House Journal*, 4th Gen. Ass., 1st Sess., 49.

²⁸*Congressional Debates*, 19th Cong., 1st Sess., 762.

²⁹*Ibid.*, 2d Sess., 6.

³⁰*Ibid.*, 20th Cong., 1st Sess., 486.

³¹*Ibid.*, 497.

When graduation came to another vote in the Senate in 1830, David Barton voted for the measure.³² But by this time it was too late; he had long been known as an enemy of graduation. No doubt this enmity was an important factor in explaining why he was not re-elected in the Missouri senatorial election of 1830. In fact, before the Missouri General Assembly voted, his name was not even placed in formal nomination.³³

Western representatives introduced graduation bills at every congressional session during the middle 1820's.³⁴ The House debates on these bills were not as extensive as the Senate graduation debates, and none of the House bills came to a final recorded vote. Therefore, Missouri's representatives, John Scott and later Edward Bates, were not forced to reveal themselves openly in Congress.

Privately, however, Scott wrote to Secretary of State Henry Clay to suggest that President Adams should recommend to Congress "a graduation of the price of public lands according to Mr. Benton's plan." Clay replied that "he [Clay] could recommend none of his [Benton's] proposals, and that they were to be considered only as a revival of Burr's enterprise—treasonable in their character."³⁵

During the congressional elections of 1826 when Bates successfully opposed Scott, although the latter announced that he favored graduation "at least so far as regards actual settlers," he came out more strongly for cession of the public lands to the states in which they were located.³⁶ Scott pointed out that on May 18, 1826, he had introduced in Congress an unsuccessful resolution instructing the House Committee on Public Lands to consider the feasibility of cession.³⁷ Similarly, during the campaign of 1826 Bates cautiously supported cession. "To acquire as soon as possible, the entire control of the lands within our limits," announced Bates, ". . . ought, in my judgment, to be the prominent object of Missouri policy."³⁸

The Benton-Jackson forces continued to make much of the graduation issue during the congressional and presidential elections of 1828, when Edward Bates was defeated by Benton's candidate, Spencer Pettis, and Missouri supported Andrew Jackson for the presidency. As Bates traveled through Missouri he spoke against

³²*United States Senate Journal*, 21st Cong., 1st Sess., 292.

³³Chambers, *Old Bullion Benton*, 169.

³⁴*United States House Journal*, 18th Cong., 2d Sess., 44; 19th Cong., 1st Sess., 50, 275; 19th Cong., 2d Sess., 57, 136; 20th Cong., 1st Sess., 34, 42, 589.

³⁵Adams, *Memoirs*, VII, 194.

³⁶*Missouri Republican*, July 27, 1826.

³⁷*Ibid.*; *United States House Journal*, 19th Cong., 1st Sess., 592.

³⁸*Missouri Republican*, June 8, 1826.

graduation and proposed "substituting a law which would *give* to every ACTUAL SETTLER who was unable to buy, a piece of land sufficient to raise a family upon."³⁹ Spencer Pettis, on the other hand, repeatedly endorsed graduation.⁴⁰

When Pettis had finished speaking at Fayette, Missouri, one "gentleman afterwards remarked," according to a letter in the anti-Benton *Missouri Republican*, "that had he been in Mr. Pettis' place he would have made some little alteration in the *details* at least of the bill, so as to have shown that he did not get *all* his ideas from Col. Benton."⁴¹ A week after printing this comment the *Republican* reported that Benton "commands all the friends of Jackson, on their allegiance to Jackson and the graduation bill, to vote for Mr. Pettis."⁴²

David Barton was disturbed by such electioneering techniques:

The presses in the interest of General Jackson were made to say, that the same party that supported General Jackson for the Presidency supported the graduation bill; . . . I notice this, sir, because it is, I believe, the first bold and direct attempt, since the foundation of our Government, to bribe the people with their own lands, and point the people of the West to the vast fund of the public domain as the booty in the event of victory in the Presidential contest. Once get the two ideas associated in the public mind, that the success of a particular candidate will be tantamount to a distribution of the public lands among the Western people, and there will be no accounting for the result. It is a bold, artful, and unparalleled [sic] attempt at the worst kind of corruption in the Presidential election.⁴³

After Pettis was elected and Missouri had overwhelmingly voted for Andrew Jackson, the despairing *Republican* pleaded with "the people, who alone are competent to it, to destroy this political guillotine, and allow its projector and its advocates, to stand or fall on their own merits."⁴⁴

Graduation, "this political guillotine," was not destroyed. Benton continued to keep his proposals before Congress and the voters. And the people loved him for it. As Senator Ambrose Sevier of Arkansas declared in 1837:

³⁹*Ibid.*, July 22, 1828.

⁴⁰*Ibid.*; Chambers, *Old Bullion Benton*, 149.

⁴¹*Missouri Republican*, July 22, 1826.

⁴²*Ibid.*, July 29, 1828.

⁴³*Congressional Debates*, 20th Cong., 1st Sess., 489-90.

⁴⁴*Missouri Republican*, December 2, 1828.

It had endeared that Senator [Benton] to multitudes in the West. They called their counties after him; they called their towns after him; they gave his name to their children; and it had secured to him an influence which nothing else could have obtained for him. The Western people had gazed upon his proposition with admiration and delight. They had the terms of it by heart.⁴⁵

David Barton thus had good reason to condemn Benton's electioneering techniques. He warned that the nation was endangered by "demagogery." But, Barton feared even more the effects such "demagogery" might have on his own political career, and in the best American political tradition he therefore offered the people much the same thing—donations to actual settlers, a proposal which he insisted was far better than graduation-donation. The people, however, were not convinced, and the Benton-Jackson forces were triumphant.

⁴⁵*Congressional Debates*, 24th Cong., 2d Sess., 733.

MISSOURI'S PROGRAM FOR HIGHWAY HISTORIC MARKINGS, 1958

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PART II

Under Missouri's highway historic marker program, organized in 1951, The State Historical Society of Missouri selects the site to be marked, buys the marker, and supplies the inscriptions, while the State Highway Commission selects and prepares a location for the markers, installs it, and maintains both the marker and the location.

The first series of articles on the marker program appeared in the January, April, and July, 1955, issues of the *Review*; the second series in the April, July, and October, 1957, issues; and the third in the April, July, October, 1958, and January, 1959 issues. These articles reported the history and organization of Missouri's program and also reproduced the inscriptions on the 80 markers completed by the close of 1957.

Markers completed during 1958 are: Cedar County; Chillicothe; Christian County; DeKalb County; Osage County; Poplar Bluff; Texas County; Unionville; Webster County; West Plains. The inscriptions on the first five of these markers were published in the April *Review*, and this installment carries the second five.

At the bottom of each side of the marker, but not reproduced here, is the information, "Erected by State Historical Society of Missouri and State Highway Commission, 1958." A line is used here to separate the two sides of the inscription.

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POPLAR BLUFF

In the Ozark perimeter, above Missouri's Southeast Lowland Region, Poplar Bluff was laid out in 1849 as seat of newly organized Butler County. The town was named for its location in a forest of yellow poplars on the bluffs above Black River. Called L'eau Noire by French trappers, Black River flows clear and swift above Poplar Bluff, murky and slow below. The county is named for Mexican War General W. O. Butler.

Almost destroyed by guerrilla and troop foragers during the Civil War, Poplar Bluff's present development began with the arrival of the St. Louis, Iron Mt., & So. R. R. (Mo. Pac.) in 1872. The lumbering era of the 1870's to early 1900's brought a second railroad (the Frisco), 2 banks, and Black River Seminary (1869-75) to Poplar Bluff. A part of Butler County is now in Clark National Forest.

Poplar Bluff's growth continued with the agricultural economy that developed after the lumbering boom. Reclamation of Butler County's swamp between the St. Francis and Black rivers began with the 1913 Inter-River Drainage District. The county produces rice, cotton, grain, livestock, and lumber.



Poplar Bluff in the Early 1900's

Poplar Bluff, seat of Butler County, with its trade, banks, and industries, is in territory ceded by Osage Indians in 1808 and utilized by other tribes into the 1830's. Southward is Gillis Bluff, said to be named for an Indian trader who had a post there around 1825. Above Poplar Bluff ran the Natchitoches Trail, an Indian pathway to the Southwest. Geologists H. R. Schoolcraft, in 1819, and G. W. Featherstonhaugh, in 1834, traveled along a part of this path. Some 1,800 Indian mounds remain in the county area.

Butler County's first settler is said to be Solomon Kittrell in 1819. The early pioneers, largely from Kentucky and Tennessee, were attracted by the plentiful water, wood, and game. Taxes were often paid in furs. About 1881, a number of German families formed a short-lived communal colony in the vicinity of Gillis Bluff where they laid out Carola.

In 1927, a tornado struck in Poplar Bluff killing 87 and doing over 2 million dollars damage. The courthouse, rebuilt after the disaster, is the county's fourth. Poplar Bluff was the home of Dwight H. Brown, Missouri's Secretary of State, 1932-44.

The Poplar Bluff marker stands in a turnout one-fourth mile north of Poplar Bluff. U. S. Route 67.

TEXAS COUNTY

Largest of Missouri's 114 counties, Texas comprises 1,183 sq. miles of Ozark Highland. With the same name as the largest of the 48 states, it exceeds the smallest, Rhode Island, by 125 sq. land miles. When formed in 1843, it was named for the explorer, fur trader, and first Lt. Gov. of Mo., William H. Ashley, but when formally organized, 1845, it was renamed for the Republic of Texas.

A seat of justice for the county was laid out in 1846 near the center of the county on Brushy Creek and named Houston for first president of the Texas Republic. In the Civil War, the county was ravished by guerrilla warfare and the town destroyed. Houston's modern development has been as trading center for a dairying, poultry, and livestock farming and lumbering area. The courthouse, built 1932, is the county's sixth.

Rugged hills, springs, and caves abound in Texas County. In the early 1800's, William H. Ashley leached saltpeter from bat guano in

a cave to the northeast for use in making gunpowder in his factory at Potosi. In 1818, explorer H. R. Schoolcraft visited the cave and named the area Wall-cave Valley.

Pioneers came to the Texas County area in the 1820's from Va., Ky., and Tenn., and set up saw mills along Big Piney River. Part of the county is now in Mark Twain National Forest. Roamed by Indians into the 1830's, the area was part of the 1808 Osage Indian land cession. Indian paintings remain upon White Rock Bluffs over an ancient campsite.

In north Texas County is Licking, platted in 1857 and named for a deer and buffalo lick. There was Licking Academy, a noted early school, founded in 1880's. Congressman J. R. Lamar was academy principal in 1889. South is Cabool, laid out 1882, on the route of the Springfield & Memphis (Frisco) R. R., only town in the county on a railroad.

Pioneer educator of the Ozarks, William H. Lynch (1839-1924) was born near Houston. Davis H. White, later governor of Colorado, taught school in Houston, 1859-60, and John T. White, Mo. Supreme Court justice in the 1920's, taught there in 1878-79.



Walker—Mo. Res. Div.

Emmett Kelly

Confederate Gen. James H. McBride made his home in the county, and on a farm near Houston, Emmett Kelly, creator of the famed circus clown, "Weary Willie," spent his boyhood.

The Texas County marker stands in a turnout at the Texas County Memorial Hospital at Houston. U. S. Route 63.

UNIONVILLE

Judicial seat of Putnam County since 1853, Unionville lies 1,070 feet above sea level in a scenic region of wooded hills and rolling prairies. Unionville, first named Harmony, was the fifth site to be designated county seat in attempts to keep a central location in the face of changing county boundaries.

Named for Revolutionary War Gen. Israel Putnam, the county, when organized in 1845, included a large area. A year later it was reduced by the formation of Dodge County. Both counties extended 9 miles into Iowa until the U. S. Supreme Court established the Mo.-Iowa boundary, 1851. Dodge County was reabsorbed by Putnam in 1853.

Unionville and Putnam County, pro-Union in the Civil War, saw little action, but all growth halted. Progress returned with the coming of the Burlington & Southwestern R. R. (C. B. & Q.) in 1873 and development of the county's coal mining industry in the 1880's. The Putnam dye industry, now of Quincy, Illinois, was founded in Unionville by E. N. Monroe, J. H. Elson, and others as "Monroe Drug Co.," 1891. The first chapter of the P.E.O. organized in Mo. was in Unionville in 1886.

Unionville is marketing, banking, and legal center for a livestock farming and coal mining county in the glacial plains of north Missouri. Sac, Fox, and Iowa tribes who gave up their claims to the region, 1824, roamed the area into the 1840's. Brightwell Martin is said to be the county's first permanent white settler in the winter of 1836.

Coal mining began in the county in 1879, and in 1881 Mendota was founded by the Mendota Coal & Mining Co. To the east are

sites of earlier county seats: Putnamville; Calhoun (never used); Winchester (Bryant's Store); and Fairplay (Hartford). St. John, to the northwest, was the seat of short-lived Dodge County. Mormons are said to have traveled through a part of the county in 1846 and to have rested at the St. John city well, an early rest stop for travelers.

Putnam County was the home of Henry Clay Dean (1822-87), noted lecturer, lawyer, and writer whose home, Rebel Cove, on the Chariton River was once a showplace. It later burned. John C. McKinley (1859-1927), Lieutenant Governor of Missouri, 1905-1909, was born in Putnam County near Mendota.



Henry Clay Dean

The Unionville marker has not been installed at this time.

WEBSTER COUNTY

Webster County, organized March 3, 1855, encompasses 590 sq. miles of the highest extensive upland area of Missouri's Ozarks. The judicial seat, Marshfield, lies 1,940 feet above sea level, highest county seat in Mo. Pioneer legislator John F. McMahan named the county and county seat for Daniel Webster and his Marshfield, Mass., home.

Marshfield was laid out in 1856 by R. H. Pitts on land given by C. F. Dryden and W. T. and B. F. T. Burford. Until a courthouse was built county business was conducted at Hazelwood where Joseph W. McClurg, later Gov. of Mo., operated a general store.

*Massie—Mo. Res. Div.***Webster County Courthouse**

Today's Carthage marble courthouse, built 1939-41, is the county's third.

During the Civil War a small force of pro-Southern State troops was driven out of Marshfield, Feb., 1862, and ten months later a body of Confederates was routed east of town. On Jan. 9, 1863, Gen. Joseph O. Shelby's troops burned the stoutly built Union fortifications at Marshfield and at Sand Springs, evacuated earlier. By 1862 the telegraph passed near Marshfield on a route later called the "Old Wire Road."

In Webster County, straddling the divide between the Missouri and Arkansas rivers, rise the headwaters of the James, Niangua, Gasconade, and Pomme de Terre rivers. A part of the 1808 Osage Indian land cession, the county was settled in the early 1830's by pioneers from Ky. and Tenn. An Indian trail crossed southern Webster County, and many prehistoric mounds are in the area.

The railroad building boom of the post Civil War period stimulated county growth as a dairy, poultry, and livestock producer. The Atlantic & Pacific (Frisco) was built through Marshfield, 1872, and by 1883 the Kansas City, Springfield, & Memphis (Frisco)

crossed the county. Seymour, Rogersville, Fordland, and Niangua grew up along the rail routes. Early schools were Marshfield Academy, chartered, 1860; Mt. Dale Academy, opened, 1873; and Henderson Academy, 1879.

Astronomer Edwin P. Hubble (1889-1953) was born in Marshfield. The composition "Marshfield Tornado" by the Negro musician, John W. (Blind) Boone, gave wide publicity to the April 18, 1880, tornado which struck town killing 65 and doing \$1,000,000 damage.

The Webster County marker stands on right-of-way of Route 63 near Marshfield.

WEST PLAINS

Judicial seat of Howell County and one of Missouri's livestock marketing centers, West Plains was founded in 1850 when a post office was opened in the home of Josephus Howell. Named for its location on the open plains west of Thomasville, the nearest town, West Plains became the seat of Howell County, organized in 1857. Tennessean Josiah Howell, first permanent settler here in 1839, and Thomas J. Howell, State legislator from Oregon County, are said to be honored by the county name.

In the Civil War, West Plains and Howell County were ravaged by foraging troops and raiding bands. Confederate volunteers escaped encircling Union troops here Feb. 19, 1862, after a skirmish. West Plains was burned by raiders in 1863 and remained uninhabited until the close of the war.

West Plains, resettled in 1865, had a 150 population by 1870. Growth as marketing and trade center began in 1883 with the coming of the Kansas City, Springfield, & Memphis R. R. (Frisco). West Plains College, 1890-1904, was a well known school. Today's courthouse, the fourth, dates from 1936.

City of diversified industries and trade center for a wide area of Missouri's south Ozarks, West Plains is in territory ceded by Osage tribes in 1808 and visited by Shawnee and Delaware Indians into the 1840's. North and south in the county ran an ancient Indian

*Massie—Mo. Res. Div.***Courthouse at West Plains**

trail. More than 1,000 prehistoric mounds remain in the area.

Howell County, now devoted to livestock, dairy, poultry, grain, and fruit farming, is also an iron and lumber producer. Willow Springs, northwest, is a lumber, dairy, and poultry marketing town founded in 1880's on the railroad. Among other towns in the county is Mountain View, a post Civil War lumbering town. Part of Howell County lies in Mark Twain National Forest.

Alice Cary (Farmer) Risley (1847-1939), Civil War nurse, came to West Plains, 1873. The Missouri Ladies of the G.A.R. have placed a memorial marker at her grave here in Oaklawn Cemetery. Jay L. Torrey (1852-1920), Spanish-American War Colonel who organized Wyoming cowboys into a cavalry regiment, came to Howell County, 1905, and developed noted Fruitville Farms.

*The West Plains marker stands near the entrance to City Park at West Plains.
U. S. Route 63.*

This is the second and last of a series of two articles on Missouri's Program for Highway Historic Marking, 1958. The first installment appeared in the April REVIEW.

LEAD MINING IN SOUTHWEST MISSOURI AFTER 1865

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Following the close of the Civil War lead mining was resumed in Southwest Missouri, where early attention was concentrated on the Granby-Neosho mineral sector, with operations gradually expanding out to reclaim the war-desolated camps of Center Creek, Turkey Creek, and Minersville. Mining development gathered momentum after 1870, and local prospectors followed ore veins westward into Cherokee County, Kansas, where they established such famous mining centers as Galena, Empire, and Badger. From there, Missouri prospectors continued a string of discoveries southward into the future Ottawa County, Oklahoma, where the Peoria, Commerce, and Picher camps attest to the success of their quest for minerals.

By 1914, the year of the Picher strike, a total of 81 mining camps had been established over the ore beds of a heavily mineralized region ranging across these three states in a southwesterly direction. This three-state mineral area, for a half century the richest lead and zinc producing center in the world, was known as the Tri-State District. The Missouri sector is the most interesting of the three, not only because it nourished the other two sections of the district but, in addition, since the Missouri deposits were more widely disseminated they gave rise to a greater number of mining camps, thereby producing an abundance of color and excitement. By 1900 Southwest Missouri had witnessed the rise of 58 mining camps.

The miners needed centers where they could secure mining supplies, food, clothing, shelter, and entertainment. Limited transportation facilities required that the miners live adjacent to the mine workings. If the geology were right the mining camp became a town, but if the deposits were exhausted quickly the camp folded, and merchants moved to new fields in the district where new camps grew up.¹ The more extensive the deposit the longer the camp lived

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¹Tri-State Survey Committee, *A Preliminary Report on Living, Working, and Health Conditions in the Tri-State Mining Area, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Kansas* (New York, 1939), 14.



Principal Mining Camps of Southwest Missouri, 1865-1915

and, if a camp promised to furnish profitable mining over an extended period, the camp became a town.² The evolution of Southwest Missouri mining camps and towns can be divided into four stages of urbanization. First was the mining camp, usually short-lived if the ore deposits beneath its environs were limited. The camp was given a longer lease on life if deposits in the immediate vicinity proved more extensive than at first known. The mining town or second stage was characterized by workers still living in the local area and working the mines of the vicinity, but the economy of the town became more diversified. Increased functions included supplying surrounding camps with their mining needs. In the third stage workers lived in the larger towns and commuted to the mines via electrical trolley. In this phase the smaller towns which were bypassed by mining extended their longevity by becoming farm and trade centers. During the fourth and most recent stage, when 90 percent of the mining is carried on in the Oklahoma sector of the district, some miners live in Picher or Cardin, but many reside in Miami, Commerce, Galena, and Joplin and commute by automobile over good roads. More convenient transportation has helped more

²Howard L. Conard, *Encyclopedia of the History of Missouri*, VI (New York, 1901), 554.

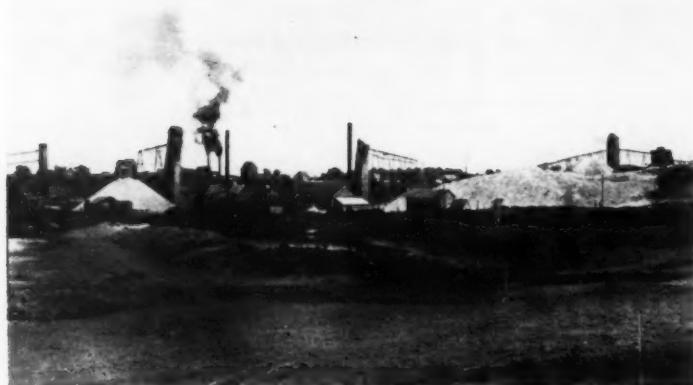
than any other single factor to produce this fourth stage in district urban development. Thus, a sort of sifting process has taken place. Each stage of urbanization represented a screen. Many camps failed to pass even the first test, and today only 30 urban centers remain of the original array of camps.

The Southwest Missouri camps included Lehigh, Center Creek, Wentworth, Turkey Creek, Pierce City, French Point, Carthage, Neosho, Grand Falls, Dayton, Scotland, Leadville Hollow, Chitwood, Carl Junction, Thurman, Webb City, Carterville, Oronogo (Minersville), Smithfield, Waco, Thoms Station, Four Corners, Blende City, Duenweg, Prosperity, Porto Rico, Fidelity, Diamond, Blytheville, Murphysburg, Joplin, Stephens Diggings, Sherwood Diggings, Cox Diggings, Pinkard Mines, Carney Diggings, Tanyard Hollow, Taylor Diggings, Belleville, Jackson Diggings, Central City, Saginaw, Swindle Hill, Parr Hill, Lone Elm, Moon Range Diggings, Spring City, Racine, Alba, Avilla, Bell Center, Granby, Asbury, Burch City, Newtonia, Georgia City, Stark City, and Cave Springs.³

The origin of camp names is obscure. Geographical factors were important, as in the case of Grand Falls. District mineralogy produced some names like Blende City. Prominent individuals also contributed their names to settlements; Joplin was named for the Reverend Harris Joplin and Webb City for the owner of the farm where mineral was found. Equally as interesting are the names of mines situated in and around these camps.

Some of the more famous mines with picturesque names include the Clara Belle, Little Francis, Poor Boy's, Osceola, Big Run, Athletic, Golden Rod and Cornfield, Lucky Jew, Merchant's, Lucky Bill, Bonnie Belle, Lucky Joe, Klondike, Etta May and Betsy Jane, Fighting Wolf, Mary Gibson, Sweetman, Silver Plume, Sunflower, Bluebird, Rosebud, Blue Goose, Once More, Greenhorn, Navy Bean, King Solomon's, Bonehead, What Cheer, Gilt Edge, Yellow Jacket, Mihomi, Bunker Hill, Never Sweat, Quick Seven,

³Data for the roster of mining towns and their geographical location were extracted from John R. Holibaugh, *The Lead and Zinc Mining Industry of Southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas* (New York, 1895), 28; F. A. North, *The History of Jasper County, Missouri* (Des Moines, 1883), 488-89; "Dayton Lead Mines," *Engineering and Mining Journal*, XXII (July 22, 1876), 61; Joel T. Livingston, *A History of Jasper County and Its People*, I (Chicago, 1912), 154; Garland C. Broadhead, *Report of the Geological Survey of the State of Missouri, 1873-1874*, Missouri Geological Survey (Jefferson City, 1874), 489; Erasmus Haworth, et al., *Special Report on Lead and Zinc*, Kansas Geological Survey Report No. 8 (Lawrence, 1904), 19-20; *Carthage Banner*, March 27, 1882; *Illustrated Historical Atlas of Jasper County, Missouri* (Philadelphia, 1876), 40; *Plat Book of Jasper County, Missouri* (Philadelphia, 1895), 17; and *History of Newton, Lawrence, Barry, and McDonald Counties* (Chicago, 1888), 28.

Stevens, *The Ozark Uplift*

Morning Star, Dew Drop, Seven Devils, and Bunker Hill Mines, Oronogo

Aladdin, Osage, Indian Chief, Mahutaska, Redskin, Golden Eagle, and Damfuno.⁴

Even more obscure than camp names are the sources for those of the mines. Since the miner was more closely associated with the mine workings than the camp itself, his names for mines undoubtedly reflected more of his personal life, his hopes and disappointments, and such intimacies as sweethearts, wives, and children. Many miners had immigrated from other mining fields and brought along the names of previous diggings.

Of the 58 Southwest Missouri mining camps only fifteen remained in 1950. When the mineral of their environs had been exhausted the others became ghost communities as rapidly as they had arisen in the first place. The remaining camps, serving as nuclei for modern towns, owe their existence to two factors: either a more permanent basis for survival was found, such as agriculture, or the ore deposits were sufficiently extensive to support a community to the present time. The first group includes Neosho, a dairy and

⁴Data for the roster of mines were taken from "Chitwood Hollow," *Engineering and Mining Journal*, LXIX (April 14, 1900), 435; D. Mathews, *Natural History of Jasper County* (n.p., 1883), 758; Clarence A. Wright, *Mining and Treatment of Lead and Zinc Ores in the Joplin District, Missouri. A Preliminary Report*, U. S. Bureau of Mines Technical Paper No. 41 (Washington, 1913), 8-9; "Mining News," *Engineering and Mining Journal*, CXVIII (May 31, 1924), 894; and "Notes on Zinc-Lead Mining in Missouri," *Engineering and Mining Journal*, XC (December 3, 1910), 1,110.

fruit producing community of wide fame, and modern Granby, a farming center with a limited amount of mining when the national ore market prices are high enough to warrant extraction of marginal ores.

Some prospect mining occurs at Webb City and Carterville, but more important is the fact that these towns furnish homes for workers who commute to mines out over the district. Also, considerable amounts of mining and milling machinery are manufactured in Webb City. Of the surviving towns, Joplin alone has developed into a small metropolitan center, and the rise and development of Joplin illustrates best of all the process of urbanization in the area.

The prewar nucleus for Joplin consisted of the Leadville Hollow Camp, the Turkey Creek Camp, and Blytheville, none of which were more than three miles apart. Joplin's history in the postwar period begins at Oronogo where two miners, E. R. Moffett and J. B. Sergeant, were operating a partnership shaft on lands belonging to the Granby Mining and Smelting Company.⁵ To foster the prospecting and development of its lands the company had offered a reward of \$500 to the miner-partnership producing the most ore in the four months from March 4 to July 4, 1870. Moffett and Sergeant collected the reward and used the money for a grubstake to prospect in the Joplin Creek field. This area had seen only desultory operations during and after the war, and no miners had found ore in sufficient quantities to start a stampede.⁶ The pre-war diggings had caved, scrub oak and sumac had reclaimed the clearings where milling and smelting sites had been located, and in general the valley was a wasteland.

Moffett and Sergeant leased a ten-acre tract from John Cox in August, 1870,⁷ pitched their tent, the first dwelling in Joplin proper, and commenced prospecting along Joplin Creek. Their prospect shaft, showing rich lead ore, was situated about 500 feet north of the present Broadway Street bridge over Joplin Creek.⁸

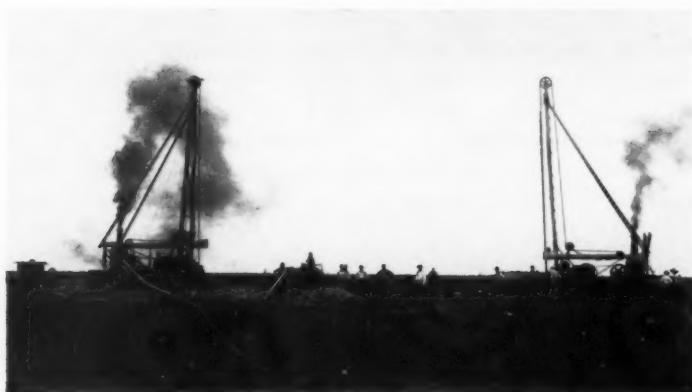
Before the winter ended tidings of the rediscovery of mineral in Joplin Creek Valley spread, and twelve prospectors joined Moffett

⁵Malcolm G. McGregor, *The Biographical Record of Jasper County, Missouri* (Chicago, 1901), 32.

⁶*Historical Atlas*, 19.

⁷*Joplin Daily Herald*, May 8, 1880.

⁸Arthur Winslow, *Lead and Zinc Deposits*, Missouri Geological Survey (Jefferson City, 1894), 294.



Jack Williams Photo

Exploring for Lead and Zinc Ores with Steam Drills

and Sergeant. This number rapidly increased to 20, and by August, 1871, "there were about five hundred people in the camp, most of these men."⁹ A companion camp was established in July of 1871 around a body of ore a quarter-mile west of the Moffett-Sergeant diggings and called Murphysburg after its founder, Patrick Murphy.¹⁰ Murphy purchased a 40-acre tract, laid out mining plots, and organized the Murphysburg Town Company. He shortly built a store and smelter just off the present First and Main streets of Joplin.

In August, 1871, a correspondent of the *Carthage Banner* was "surprised to find, instead of an expected four or five shafts with a dozen men working, five hundred men and plenty of shafts. Some miners were making \$40 to \$50 per day." He noted that the general area of the camps was still called Blytheville.¹¹

By the end of the year Blytheville and Murphysburg had a combined population of 2,000, about equally divided, and from the start an intense rivalry existed between the camps.¹² Local friction, however, did not materially affect the mining operations and growth of these two camps. By 1874 the area was producing 200

⁹Livingston, *Jasper County*, I, 144-46.

¹⁰Winslow, *Lead and Zinc Deposits*, 294.

¹¹*Carthage Banner*, August 10, 1871.

¹²Livingston, *Jasper County*, I, 146-50.



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Raising Ores With a Horse-Powered Hoist

tons of lead per week.¹³ The mineral at this time was found at relatively shallow depths, from ground level to about 50 feet, and frequently occurred in huge pieces. One miner, Alonzo Bradbury, uncovered a 4,000-pound chunk of pure galena at 50 feet. To get this large specimen out without breaking it Bradbury enlarged the shaft and used special hoisting equipment. Then, with a sled, he hauled the giant piece of mineral to Joplin's first hotel, the American House, situated in Murphysburg, and placed it on display.¹⁴

In the same year that Murphy laid out Murphysburg, John Cox platted a town around Blytheville and the Moffett-Sergeant lease and called it Joplin, after the Reverend Harris Joplin.¹⁵ Both camps were regarded as temporary establishments. The dwellings were rude, hastily constructed, slab shanties, tents, and covered wagons, and "Some cooked in the open and slept like soldiers on the march."¹⁶ The area was isolated. Supplies were freighted in and lead was hauled out in wagons, and the twin camps hardly gave the appearance of a nucleus for a city of 40,000 population in 1950.

¹³Winslow, *Lead and Zinc Deposits*, 193.

¹⁴Livingston, *Jasper County*, I, 151.

¹⁵"Joplin, Missouri—History and Development" (Joplin, 1933), 2.

¹⁶Dolph Shaner, *The Story of Joplin* (New York, 1948), 19.

But growth was rapid, and by the winter of 1871 Joplin had the following establishments: two hotels, two livery stables, two grocery stores, two dry goods stores, one hardware store, three general stores, one furniture store, one meat market, one boot and shoe store, a drug store, a restaurant, a carpenter shop, and five saloons. Murphysburg boasted at the same time one hotel, one livery stable, three grocery stores, three dry goods stores, one meat market, one general store, one boot and shoe store, two drug stores, three restaurants, one wagon and blacksmith shop, a carpenter shop, and three saloons.¹⁷ Two on-the-scene observers have left the following impressions of early Joplin.

During this time the greatest excitement prevailed, and hundreds of fortune-seekers poured in from all sections. Novices in the use of the pick and shovel, as well as miners of experience set to work, intent on pecuniary gain. The population of the camp had already been swelled to nearly four hundred, most of whom were living in tents while some had hardly so much as a blanket to shield them in hours of slumber from the winds and storms.¹⁸

The two towns made phenomenal growth and naturally where so many people congregated with no local government everything went. The miners about the camp living as they did in a constant state of excitement, and without the refining influence of the home, for often the family was left behind, plunged into a continuous round of merry-making and the lawless element, unrestrained by officers, had everything their own way, and so bad was the winter of 1871-1872 that it came to be known as the Reign of Terror. The great majority of the prospectors were from Southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas . . . and while they lived amidst the wild excitement of the day and participated in the revelry they were good citizens. But there were wild reckless elements there too as in any red hot mining camp. Street fights were common and occasionally the excitement of the day was heightened by a shooting scrap.¹⁹

The market for local zinc ore which developed during 1872 provided an additional attraction for mining in the Joplin District.²⁰

¹⁷North, *Jasper County*, 393.

¹⁸*Ibid.*, 392-93.

¹⁹Livingston, *Jasper County*, I, 152.

²⁰See James Truslow Adams, editor, *Dictionary of American History*, III (New York, 1942), 181.

This further congested the camps and created added law and order problems. But Joplin was not unlike other frontier communities at a time when lawlessness abounded. A resident who grew up with the two camps furnished a graphic scene of early Joplin:

The year '72 started with a big boom in the sale of town lots and construction of homes and business buildings. New mines were discovered and new camps started which made Joplin their trading point. Speculators grabbed land and lots. Mining companies leased more land and employed more miners. Gamblers, women of disrepute, moochers, ruffians, and a generally undesirable class rushed in for easy pickings. As there was no local police and the sheriff's office was in the far off town of Carthage, there was no officer to call to keep the peace. The hoodlums, bad men, and drunks took advantage of such a condition. They showed no respect for decency. Shooting at all hours was a pastime. Windows were targets. The drunks lay around the streets. There was no jail in which to place them and no officer to make the arrest. Saloon fights and street fights were common and there were a few fatal shooting scrapes. A saloon or two closed at noon Sunday but most of them never closed. Women did not feel safe to be on the streets day or night.²¹

The problem of law and order was intensified by the fact that two rival mining towns, Joplin and Murphysburg, existed side by side.²² Culprits took advantage of this rivalry by committing crimes in one and taking refuge in the other, thereby gaining a sort of asylum. A virtual "reign of terror" gripped the two camps through the winter of 1871-1872.²³ The more responsible citizens of both camps held a mass meeting on February 27, 1872, to discuss the possibility of uniting the camps and gaining incorporation.²⁴ It is significant that Sergeant presided and Murphy was one of the speakers. On March 14, 1872, the Jasper County Court authorized the incorporation of Murphysburg and Joplin into Union City. A board of trustees elected to regulate the affairs of the new town promptly passed "Ordinances looking to the betterment of the town, controlling disturbance, pistol toting, drunkenness . . . and a small jail was built on Broadway between the two towns. The jail

²¹Shaner, *Story of Joplin*, 24-25.

²²"Mining History of Joplin," (Joplin, 1950), 3.

²³Livingston, *Jasper County*, I, 155.

²⁴North, *Jasper County*, 395.

was made of two-by-four oak timber and had two apartments or cells."²⁵

Despite these corrective steps and abatement of the "reign of terror," ill-feeling continued between the two camps and secessionist sentiment was strong. Local pride in each camp was shown by merchants who refused to pay a Union City tax. One businessman, a saloonkeeper, took judicial action against the legality of Union City incorporation. In December, 1872, the Barton County Court, on a change of venue, upheld the saloonkeeper's contention and ordered Union City dissolved.²⁶ The union group in the two camps resumed its efforts and through mass meetings and other media was able to accomplish another union on March 23, 1873.²⁷ Murphy appropriately recommended that the new municipality be called Joplin. This new town chose E. R. Moffett as its first mayor.²⁸

Within a year the population of Joplin increased from 4,000 to 5,000 people.²⁹ Gradually the rivalry waned, law and order were established, and the slab shanties and tents of the Joplin Creek Valley were replaced by permanent homes in platted residential districts as miners and businessmen no longer hesitated to bring in their families. Schools and churches were erected, and by the end of 1875 there were 1,620 school children with educational facilities. Joplin had grown commercially too, boasting twelve dry goods and clothing stores, five hotels, twelve blacksmith shops, eight livery stables, three lumber yards, 16 abstract and law offices, 16 physicians, and two banks.³⁰

Yet, despite the growing influence of "respectable people" in the affairs of Joplin, one so disposed could still find ribald entertainment in the abundant resources the town furnished. In 1875 the town had:

Seventy-five saloons open both day and night and in most of them a full orchestra gave free concerts every night and in most a matinee Wednesday and Sunday afternoons. The following are names of some of the popular bars: Healthwood Bar, Board of Trade, and the Steamboat Salon, the Golden Gate, Miners

²⁵Livingston, *Jasper County*, I, 154.

²⁶Ibid., I, 154.

²⁷Erie Hedbury, "The Missouri and Arkansas Zinc Mines at the Close of 1900," *American Institute of Mining Engineering Transactions*, XXXI (1902), 392.

²⁸Livingston, *Jasper County*, I, 166.

²⁹Broadhead, *Report*, 1873-1874, 489.

³⁰North, *Jasper County*, 404.



Parker, Missouri As It Is in 1867

Interior View of Blow & Kennett's Lead Furnaces, Granby

Drift, Bullock and Bouchers, the Bon Ton, the Palace, and the Brick Hotel Bar. One of the popular places was Blackwells Bar and there something new and exciting was always pulled off. In November, 1876, Mr. Blackwell arranged for the entertainment of his patrons a fight between a Cinnamon bear which was brought up from Arkansas and six blooded bull-dogs. One thousand two hundred people witnessed the fight which was won by the bear.³¹

A local miner poet pointed out that:

Suez was still east of us and there were no Ten Commandments, for way down yonder in Southwest Missouri, where women drink and curse like fury; where the barkeepers sell the meanest liquor which makes a white man sick and sicker, where the tinhorns rob you a little quicker, that's where Joplin is.³²

The "respectable citizens" could entertain themselves through the more sophisticated program offered by the Joplin Opera House.³³

Granby resented the rise of Joplin, for this Newton County mineral center took great pride in the claim of being the first mining

³¹Livingston, *Jasper County*, I, 175.

³²*Joplin Globe*, March 13, 1949.

³³*Granby Miner*, October 18, 1873.

town of the Southwest.³⁴ Granby's chagrin for the upstart Joplin was heightened by the attraction of large numbers of her miner residents to Joplin, and she showed her contempt by referring to Joplin as a camp and "not a town."³⁵ The social ecology of Joplin was of an encroaching and absorptive sort which could well invite the indignation of sister camps, and its population grew from immigrant miners and the annexation of peripheral camps.³⁶ A study of surrounding camps shows the assimilative nature of Joplin. Chitwood, Blende City, Thousand Acre Tract Camp, Moon Range, Swindle Hill, Turkey Creek, and Lone Elm all shortly became a part of Joplin's city limits. The annexation of Lone Elm alone brought 2,500 people into Joplin.³⁷

New discoveries at Webb City, Carterville, and Galena around 1876 and at Picher, Oklahoma, in 1914 and 1915 started another miner stampede and partially depopulated Joplin for a brief period. Many miners from Joplin moved into these new fields and helped develop them, but their places at Joplin were soon filled with newcomers. Rather than decreasing the importance of Joplin, these new camps actually improved her position.³⁸ Interurban electrical trolleys enabled many of the miners to live in Joplin, commute to the mines, and provide their families with the advantages of a larger community. Four years after the opening of rich deposits at Galena, Webb City, and Carterville, Joplin's population had increased to 8,000,³⁹ and in 40 years this had grown to nearly five times the 1880 figure. As one witness reported, "Galena, Empire City, Thurman, Webb City, and Carterville, Oronogo, Smithfield, Carl Junction, and Blende City, are little more than suburban towns, each paying royalty to the great city, Joplin, around which they cluster and upon which they are in a large part dependent."⁴⁰

Just as Joplin absorbed its peripheral camps through annexation, the "town that Jack built"⁴¹ also assumed those basic distributive

³⁴Broadhead, *Report, 1873-1874*, 489. Today, tourists traveling through Granby on U. S. Highway 60 are confronted in the town's center with a huge water tower emblazoned with the sign: "Welcome to Granby, First Mining Town in the Southwest."

³⁵*Granby Miner*, October 18, 1873.

³⁶Isaac Lippincott, "Industrial Influence of Lead in Missouri," *Political Economy*, XX, (July, 1912), 713.

³⁷Livingston, *Jasper County*, I, 155.

³⁸*Carthage Banner*, March 27, 1884.

³⁹U. S. Bureau of the Census, *Tenth Census of the United States: 1880. Population*, I (Washington, 1882), 425.

⁴⁰North, *Jasper County*, 389.

⁴¹"The town that Jack built" is after the miner's name for zinc blende, "Jack" or "Blackjack," which along with lead furnished the basis for Joplin's existence in the first place.

functions that supplied the more distant camps. More and more Joplin diversified its economy, and a disease "called 'Joplin Panic or Colic,' characterized by being head over ears in various enterprises, seemed to have seized the inhabitants."⁴² The "Joplin Colic" was best exhibited on Saturday night. The town's five banks were open until 8:00 p.m. to accommodate customers, and mine operators, land owners, workers, and ore buyers assembled in the banks for the weekly payoff. Grocery, dry goods, general, and hardware stores operated until 9:00 p.m. to meet the needs of miners and their families who crowded the streets. Saloons remained open until the thirst of their patrons for drink and merriment had been slaked, and "the theater was crowded, for Joplin patronized theatrical entertainments lavishly in its pretty Club Theater."⁴³

Several promoters in the 1890's referred to Joplin as the "Klondike of Missouri," but its wealth was rapidly being derived from sources other than mining. As early as 1895 the district ore market was situated at Joplin, as were the principal mine offices, banks furnishing mining capital, a mining exchange for trading in mine securities, shops and factories producing machinery for district mines, and wholesale and retail outlets supplying such essentials as food, clothing, and furniture for miners' homes over the three-state district.

While Southwest Missouri towns, especially Joplin, remain to this day the economic, social, and cultural center of gravity for the Tri-State District, 1948 marked not only the centennial of mining in Southwest Missouri but in addition witnessed the end of an era—world leadership in lead-zinc production. Tri-State District mining production records show that for nearly half a century the region was the heaviest producer of lead and zinc in the world. By 1948 district mine operators had fairly well exhausted the rich ore beds and were forced to be content with leaner deposits, which were necessarily more expensive to exploit. At about the same time the United States Government undertook a foreign aid program for the so-called "backward nations." Several recipient countries were lead and zinc producers. The aid program included tariff reduction plus direct subsidy to foreign producers with a contract agreement to

⁴²Garland C. Broadhead, "Southwest Missouri Lead Interests," *Engineering and Mining Journal*, XXV (February, 1883), 73.

⁴³*The Klondike of Missouri* (Kansas City, 1899), 13-14.

purchase a given tonnage of lead and zinc minerals for United States domestic use each year.⁴⁴

This national venture to stimulate foreign production has had a disastrous effect on lead and zinc mining throughout the United States and notably in the Tri-State District, where lean ore reserves make mining costs higher. Foreign mineral imports produced by cheap labor using the latest mining equipment acquired with funds from the United States have been responsible for closing most of the Tri-State District mines.⁴⁵

Southwest Missouri, developed for the most part as a mining center, has been forced to diversify its economic base in order to sustain its people. Dairy, grain, and fruit farming and a variety of manufacturing enterprises have received a new emphasis, and less and less reliance is placed on mining. In addition, the natural beauty of the Ozarks has given rise to an ever-growing tourist industry. It is somewhat ironic that one of the top tourist attractions is a conducted underground tour of abandoned district mine workings.

⁴⁴See U. S. Congress, House of Representatives, *Problems in the Metal Mining Industry (Lead, Zinc, and Other Metals)*, Hearings Before the Select Committee on Small Business, House of Representatives, Eighty Third Congress, First Session (Washington, 1953).

⁴⁵U. S. Congress, *Congressional Record*, Eighty Third Congress, Second Session, C (Washington, 1954), 726.

CEDAR COUNTY

LAND OF MINERAL SPRINGS AND FLOWING STREAMS, OZARK
HIGHLANDS AND ROLLING PRAIRIES

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To the Cedar County area, where the northern Ozark highlands border the Western plains, came families in the 1830's and 1840's from Tennessee, Kentucky, the Carolinas, Virginia, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and the older Missouri settlements. The vast majority of early settlers, about 80%, came from Dixie but were not slave-holders, and 20% came from the old Northwest States. In 1850 the white population of the county was 3,278 and the slave population 82. By 1860 the figures stood at 6,426 and 211. Cedar County was almost a free soil county settled in the ratio of four out of five from the South and one out of five from the North.

Those who pushed forward from the western frontier to settle in Cedar County found advantages which compensated for the hardships which they endured as they established a civilized way of life in the wilderness. Land, which could be purchased for the government price of \$1.25 an acre, offered an abundance of streams, never-failing springs, timber, and fertile soil. A few Indians still roamed the area, possibly following the trail which in earlier times led from the Osage village in present Vernon County through the Cedar County country toward Arkansas. The Osage relinquished all claims to the land in 1808, and the Cedar County area, assigned to the Kickapoos in 1819 and 1820, was retroceded to the United States in 1832. Within a few years after the coming of the white settlers only the numerous mounds in Cedar County gave tangible evidence of former Indian occupancy.

The first permanent white settlers arrived in the Sac River Valley in November, 1832. Robert Graham, Thomas English, John Crisp, and a Mr. Crump located two miles east of Stockton on the Sac River, where they first found shelter in a hollow sycamore tree. Soon others followed their trail to Sac River, and still others pushed northward to Cedar Creek. Hewed log cabins were built in forest clearings, and crops were planted in the virgin soil. At first there were no local stores to supply the settlers' needs and no mills to grind their grain. Robert Graham went nearly 60 miles to mill

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Courtesy Wilbur Miller

Caplinger Mill, Eight Miles North of Stockton

and about once a year to Springfield to do his trading. In 1838 Christopher I. Lamberton, a native Ohioan, set up a store at his home near Cedar Creek. Payments for goods sold were often made in cattle, which Lamberton drove to St. Louis. There he purchased supplies for his store with money from the sale of the cattle. The supplies were shipped by steamboat to Boonville, and from Boonville they were hauled to the Cedar County area in wagons.

The first mill in the area was built on Cedar Creek by John Williams in 1839. All the main-traveled roads led to it, and there was not a more widely known place in all the region. The mill was washed away by a flood after a few years, and Williams began to build another on Sac River, seven miles north of present Stockton. Before its completion in 1842 he sold it to the Caplinger family from Tennessee. Leading to the Caplinger mill in the 1860's were state roads from St. Clair County and the town of Nevada. Philip Crow's mill at the mouth of Bear Creek was the site selected for the first meetings of the Cedar County court.

Cedar County, organized from portions of Dade and St. Clair counties and named for the trees along Cedar Creek, was one of 18 counties organized by the Missouri General Assembly on February 14, 1845, Missouri's banner year for the organization of new counties. Commissioners appointed for the selection of the county seat chose a site near a cave spring. Lancaster was platted on

February 11, 1846, on land donated by Zimri and Marion Crabtree. Another Missouri town of the same name caused the name of Lancaster to be changed in 1847 to Fremont, honoring General John Charles Fremont, noted explorer, soldier, and leader in the conquest of California. Dissatisfaction with the political views of Fremont in 1856 caused the name to be changed in February, 1859, to Stockton, honoring Robert Field Stockton, the naval commander who also played a prominent part in the conquest of California during the Mexican War. Plans for the building of a courthouse, made soon after county organization, were not carried to completion until 1852. At that time a \$5,000 brick courthouse was built in Fremont.

As settlers became more numerous in the Cedar County area a need was felt for the establishment of churches and schools. The Baptists were the first religious denomination to organize. In 1838 a Baptist congregation was formed near Cedar Creek by Hiram Savage, William Savage, and Elijah Williams. Elder Hiram Savage was the first minister. Cedar Church, a 30- by 40-foot frame building erected in 1842, served also as a schoolhouse and a community meeting place. Cedar Church was the mother church of the Cedar Association, formed by six churches of Cedar and St. Clair counties in 1848. Four additional churches joined the association in 1850, and from 1850 to 1860 the membership increased from ten to 19 churches. Obadiah Smith and James I. Johnson, ordained ministers of Cedar Church, depended on farming for their living because they received no salary as ministers. In 1854 Elders O. Smith, J. Ford, J. B. Carrico, and L. R. Ashworth were recommended as itinerant ministers by Cedar Church to depend on those to whom they preached for remuneration. In 1855 Elders Smith, Carrico, and William Cook reported an aggregate of 314 sermons, 83 baptisms, three new churches, and no remuneration. By 1860 the Missionary Baptists, Methodists, and Presbyterians had established congregations in Stockton.

Andrew Steel Stewart taught the first subscription school in 1841 in a log school near the site of Stockton. The fee was one dollar per pupil for the 18 children in attendance. Charles Carter taught school in Cedar Church in 1843. The first school townships were established in 1847, but there are no records of additional schools opened in that year. In 1860 there were 654 pupils in the county, and half that number attended the eight public schools in the county. By an order of the county court in 1850 lots in Fremont



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An Early View of the North Side of Stockton Square

were donated for the establishment of an academy. Ten years later it was reported that the Stockton Male and Female Academy was a flourishing institution.

In 1860 Cedar County was a settled area with 6,637 inhabitants, including 211 slaves. The value of farms was estimated at more than \$1,300,000 and of livestock at approximately \$412,000. Stockton, with a population of 550, had five general stores, two grocery stores, two flouring mills, two hotels, a harness manufactory, and two saw mills. A mill, built in 1856 by Francis Dunnegan, was located some two miles east of Stockton near the site of the first settlement. About the beginning of the Civil War, Alexander C. Montgomery purchased an interest in the mill, and a thriving business was carried on until the mill was destroyed by fire in 1872. Two stage lines led from Stockton, one to Bolivar and the other to Fort Scott, Kansas.

During the Civil War an almost equal number of Cedar County men fought in the Union and the Confederate armies. Cedar County was on the line of march for both sides and was the scene of considerable guerrilla warfare. Union majors Samuel Montgomery and Douglas Dale drove Confederate Colonel J. T. Coffee from Stockton on August 12, 1862. Confederates under Major Thomas R. Livingston attacked Stockton on July 11, 1863. At that time two companies of some 60 men each of the Seventh Regiment Missouri Provisional Militia were stationed in Stockton. Although pickets guarded the four roads leading into town, it was a dark day, and the picket on

the Greenfield and Stockton road did not see the approach of the Confederates in time to give the alarm.

The crowd which had gathered at the courthouse to listen to some political speeches hastily dispersed as the Confederate troops approached, and many from the militia sought safety in the brush north of Stockton and in homes. Only some 20 men remained at the courthouse and engaged in the fighting. Lieutenants Alexander C. Montgomery and William A. McMinn were among the officers of the militia who participated. The courthouse doors were barred downstairs with heavy hewed timbers, and the Union men retreated upstairs, from which position they did their fighting. The attack began at three o'clock in the afternoon and lasted 15 or 20 minutes. Major Livingston and three of his men and Lieutenant McMinn and three Union men were killed. The Confederates withdrew, and that evening left 15 of their wounded at the settlement of White Hair, southwest of Stockton. On October 5, 1863, General J. O. Shelby during his raid through Missouri with some 4,000 men sent a detachment to Stockton which burned the courthouse, the Caplinger and Crow mills, and routed the Federal garrison. At the outbreak of the war most of the county officials were Southern sympathizers, and it is believed that the county records were taken to Arkansas, where Union soldiers later found them and returned them to Springfield, from which point they were sent back to Stockton. In 1867 it was said that portholes could still be seen in Stockton buildings used as fortifications during the war.

Cedar County recovered rapidly from the devastation of war. Population increased to 9,474 in 1870 as new towns were platted. Virgil City and Caplinger Mills (Sacville) were laid off in the years immediately following the war. At Stockton a \$10,000 brick courthouse replaced the courthouse which was burned, and the town spring was fenced and repaired. The Cedar County High School was opened with a tuition of three dollars per month for English branches and four dollars for higher English and classical studies.

Other new towns were founded in the 1880's. El Dorado Springs was platted as a health resort in the Ozark foothills by Natt and Peyton Cruce in 1881. It was related that the curative properties of the water from the spring located at the site were discovered by Mrs. Joshua Hightower who stopped to rest there while en route to an Arkansas health resort. She drank freely of the water from the iron spring and was so much improved in health that she was able to return home. El Dorado Springs was incorporated as a city of the



Center View of Spring Park, El Dorado Springs

fourth class on December 5, 1881. The spring is located in a ten-acre park which now includes a two-story community building. Within nine years after its founding El Dorado Springs had a population of 1,543. The El Dorado roller mills, built in 1882, and the surrounding fertile farming land contributed to the rapid growth of the town. Today El Dorado Springs is a town of some 2,500 inhabitants with an annual payroll of more than \$1,000,000.

In 1887 a site one mile southwest of El Dorado Springs, known as "Nine Wonders Springs," was purchased and developed by a syndicate, but later the site was abandoned.

Balm was laid off in 1884 and named for the medicinal nature of the water. Jerico Springs, named for Joseph B. Carrico, the original owner of the land, and for the ancient city of Jericho, was established as a health resort by D. G. Stratton in 1882. Bath buildings and hotels were erected, and Stratton called the springs "The Fountain of Youth."

Newspapers were not published in the county until after the close of the Civil War. In 1865 Wells, Caffee, and Company began the publication of the *Southwest Tribune*, later known as the *Stockton Tribune*. In 1876 this paper was merged with the *Stockton Journal*, a Democratic paper founded by H. L. Henry in 1869. The *Cedar County Republican* was established by W. B. Phipps in 1886. The present-day *Cedar County Republican* and *Stockton Journal* represents a merger of these two papers. E. G. Hoff purchased the *Republican* in 1896. In 1940 he purchased the *Stockton Journal* and

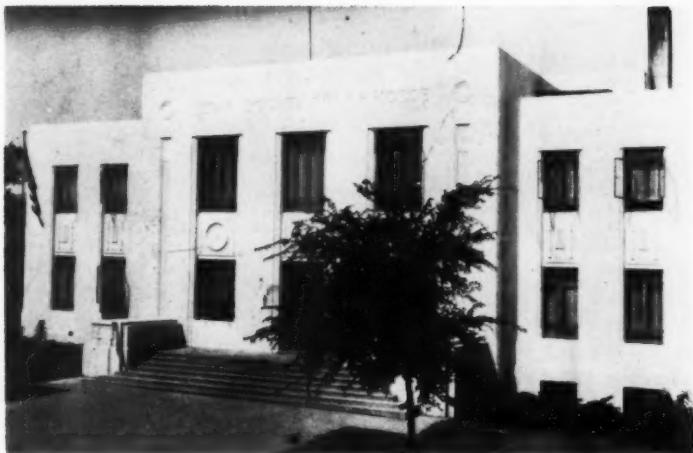
merged the two papers. He served as a Stockton editor for 49 years, and after his death in 1945 his son, Chester W. Hoff, became the editor and publisher of the *Cedar County Republican and Stockton Journal*. The El Dorado Springs *Sun*, founded in 1896 by J. S. Smith, was later published by Clyde S. and Harry N. Smith and is published at the present time by John D. Smith. The two newspapers currently published in Cedar County have each remained under the direction of the Hoff and Smith families for 62 years.

Cedar County citizens can be justly proud of the past records of their native sons in local and State affairs. Among those who gained prominence were Joseph J. Gravely, born in Virginia in 1828. He was admitted to the bar and served in the Virginia Legislature before coming to Cedar County in 1854. In 1861 he served as a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention to determine Missouri's relation to the Union. He was elected State senator in 1862. After serving as colonel of the Eighth Regiment, Missouri Volunteer Cavalry in the Civil War, he was elected U. S. Congressman in 1867. He served as lieutenant governor of Missouri in 1871 and 1872. His death occurred in 1872, and he was buried in the Lindley Prairie Cemetery near Bear Creek.

John Waldo Connaway, noted veterinarian, was born in Stockton on November 18, 1859. He was graduated from the Chicago Veterinary College and in 1891 from the University of Missouri. He joined the faculty of the University of Missouri in 1887 as assistant veterinarian and served as director of the veterinary department from 1891 until his retirement in 1937. He was noted for his diagnosis and treatment of Bang's disease in cattle, of hog cholera, and for tracing the cause of Texas fever to ticks. On September 30, 1939, the board of curators of the University officially designated the new veterinary science building Connaway Hall in his honor. His death occurred in Columbia in 1947.

Cedar County, with famous native sons, health-giving springs, natural scenic beauty, thriving industries, prosperous farms, and modern highways, has a distinguished past and present record. The handsome monolithic concrete courthouse dedicated in 1940 and the increased production of the county from livestock raising, dairying, poultry farming and from factories are a few of the signs of present-day progress.

Today we are assembled on this historic site to commemorate the highlights of Cedar County's past with this highway historical marker. It is the approximate site of the first settlement in the



Courtesy Wilbur Miller

Present Cedar County Courthouse

county and also the site of a prosperous early-day mill. Land for the marker was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Montgomery. The Montgomery family has long played a prominent part in Cedar County affairs. William Montgomery was one of the five men who selected and donated the land for the Cedar County seat of justice, and his son, Alexander, was co-owner of the mill. The founding fathers of the county probably did not foresee that their deeds and lives would form an important part of the early history of Cedar County, and for those now living in Cedar County it may be equally difficult to predict the progress of the future.

With proposed plans for the \$40,000,000 U. S. Army engineering project for the building of the Stockton dam and reservoir to control waters in the Osage River basin, many changes will result. The abundant and diversified natural resources which have played such a prominent role in the history of Cedar County bid fair to become even more important in the future development of the county. But in the midst of changing conditions, Cedar Countians are a stable people who establish their roots deeply and build for the future on secure foundations. The Cedar County Highway Historical Marker seeks to preserve the past, with its record of courage; the present, with its spirit of progress; and the future, with its exciting possibilities.



VIGNETTES OF FAMOUS MISSOURIANS

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The founder of a Missouri metropolitan newspaper whose memory is perpetuated in a noted art gallery, a mountain man from Missouri who was known to his companions as the "Bible-Toter," and a Missouri agricultural scientist and economist of international renown are subjects of the sketches presented in this issue. Under the title, "This Week in Missouri History," the sketches were released to the newspapers of the State in April, May, and June, 1959.

References accompany each article for those who may wish to read further.

THIS MISSOURI EDITOR FOUNDED A GREAT CITY DAILY AND PROVIDED FUNDS FOR A NOTED ART COLLECTION

Released April 9, 1959

The founder and editor of the *Kansas City Star*, he made his paper a model of excellence for 35 years, exerted a dominant influence on the development of Kansas City, and left a bequest which provided for the art collection in the Kansas City gallery named for him. Who was he?

What was his background?

Of New England ancestry, he was born on March 7, 1841, at Fort Wayne, Indiana. He attended Notre Dame College, famous for strict discipline, but was dismissed after two years. He was

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admitted to the Indiana bar in 1862. He then accumulated \$200,000 as a building contractor but lost it in a cotton-growing investment in Georgia. An interest in the Fort Wayne *Sentinel*, acquired while

he was Indiana manager of the Samuel J. Tilden presidential campaign, was all that remained, and he turned to journalism.



Pirie MacDonald Photo

Founder and Editor of the Kansas City Star

ten-cent weekly price with the introduction of a Sunday edition in 1894, and when he bought the *Times* in 1901 to use as his morning edition he gave subscribers 13 issues weekly for ten cents. The *Weekly Star*, a four-page farm paper, was begun in 1890 at 25 cents a year, and circulation rose to one-third million in 1915.

How did he make the Star a success?

Opposed to sensationalism and the use of comics, he built circulation on wide local news coverage, concisely written human interest stories, hard-hitting local crusades, and typographical excellence. He campaigned for paved streets, parks, boulevards, and attractive

When did he move to Kansas City?

He moved to Kansas City in 1880 and with Samuel Morss, who soon relinquished his interest, he founded the *Star*, a two-cent, non-partisan evening paper. He married Miss Ida Houston of Champaign, Illinois, in 1881.

What was the growth of the Star?

Nicknamed the "Twilight Twinkler" by rival newspapers after the first issue of 3,000 copies, the little *Star* developed a hundred-fold increase in circulation during his 35-year editorship. He did not increase the

homes. Fearlessly and ruthlessly he fought monopoly, corruption, and other hindrances to the city's welfare. He was among the first to bar liquor advertisements.

How was he regarded?

Although he was opinionated and domineering, he commanded the loyalty of his staff, and his readers believed in his sincerity. Known as "Colonel" to his friends and "Baron" to others, he was described as a "ruddy-faced, square-shouldered, great-bodied, short-legged man with a great voice which rattled like artillery in his emotional moments." He never sought personal acclaim. He was a trustee and vice president of The State Historical Society of Missouri from 1901 until his death in 1915 and a member of the Associated Press board of directors, 1905-1914.

What were his other activities?

His beautiful Kansas City home and his development of a neighboring residential section were important contributions to city planning. In 1912 he purchased the Jackson County Sni-a-Bar farms where he raised fine cattle. He sent 19 copies of famous paintings to Kansas City from Europe to form the nucleus of the Western Gallery of Art, opened in 1897.



William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art. Anderson Photo

The Famous Kansas City Art Gallery Which Bears His Name

What was his final gift to Kansas City?

To his wife, jointly with his only daughter, he bequeathed his entire fortune, to be used after their deaths for the purchase of an art collection for Kansas City. To house the collection, bequests from his wife and daughter, his son-in-law, Irwin B. Kirkwood, and his lawyer, Frank Rozelle, provided the gallery named for him, which opened in 1933.

What was his name?

William Rockhill Nelson.

[References: Icie F. Johnson, *William Rockhill Nelson and The Kansas City Star* (Kansas City, 1935); *Kansas City Star Staff, William Rockhill Nelson* (Cambridge, 1915); Dumas Malone, editor, *Dictionary of American Biography* (New York, 1943), XIII, 427-28; Frank Luther Mott, *American Journalism* (New York, 1950), 468-73, 565-66; Floyd C. Shoemaker, *Missouri and Missourians* (Chicago, 1943), 11, 727-28.]

THIS "BIBLE-TOTING" MOUNTAIN MAN FROM MISSOURI BLAZED TRAILS TO THE AMERICAN FAR WEST

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This St. Louis fur trader, who carried a Bible in his pocket and a rifle in his hand, was the first American to cross the Sierra Nevada range and to travel overland to California and along the Pacific Coast from California to Oregon. Who was he?

What was his background?

Of New England ancestry, he was born on January 6, 1799, in Bainbridge, New York. He acquired the rudiments of an English education, learned some Latin, and became a devout Methodist in his youth.

How did he rise to prominence as a St. Louis fur trader?

Emigrating to St. Louis, he joined the Rocky Mountain Fur Company expedition up the Missouri River under General William H. Ashley in 1822. After the retreat of the Ashley party from the surprise attack of the Arikaras in June, 1823, he made a "powerful prayer" for the wounded, the first recorded public act of worship in South Dakota history. Afterward he volunteered to run the gauntlet of hostile Indians to bring relief from Henry's Fort on



Painting in State Capitol, Pierre, S. Dak.

His "Powerful Prayer" for the Wounded in 1823 Was the First Recorded in South Dakota

the Yellowstone. Completing the round trip in less than a month, he was dispatched to St. Louis with a consignment of furs and returned to serve as captain of the Ashley-Henry company in the second Arikara encounter in August, 1823.

In charge of a small trapping party, he crossed the Continental Divide westward through South Pass in March, 1824, and in 1824-1825 he visited the British Hudson Bay Company's fur trading post near present Eddy, Montana.

When did he make his first trip to California?

In 1825 he became Ashley's partner and the next year, as the senior partner of his own company of three, he led his men from Great Salt Lake to the Mojave villages on the Colorado River and crossed the desert to San Gabriel Mission in San Bernadino Valley. The first American to arrive in California overland, he was regarded with suspicion by Spanish officials and ordered to retrace his route. Instead, he proceeded northward to the Stanislaus River, where he left the main body of his men. With two companions he crossed the Sierras and the Great Basin, arriving emaciated and weary in July, 1827, at the traders' rendezvous on Bear Lake near the Utah-Idaho boundary.

What disasters did he encounter on his return trip to California?

With 18 men he retraced his route to California a month later, but disaster overtook him at the Mojave villages, where Indians killed ten of his party. After rejoining his men on the Stanislaus River, he was imprisoned by Spanish officials and only released with the help of an American ship's captain and the promise to leave California. As he traveled north along the Pacific Coast, Umpqua Indians killed 15 of his men. He, with two others, escaped to Fort Vancouver, a Hudson Bay trading post on the Columbia River, where he was graciously received.

When did he retire from the Rocky Mountain fur trade?

He sold out in 1830 and with his partners returned to St. Louis with furs valued at some \$80,000. On a wagon train expedition to Santa Fe in 1831, while scouting alone for water, he was killed by Comanche Indians near present Ulysses, Kansas. A monument to him stands at the site.

Are there other memorials to his memory?

A memorial redwood grove named for him is located beside the river which bears his name in Del Norte County, California. A pictorial sketch of him, said to have been made after his death by a friend, is not available for publication.

What was his name?

Jedediah Strong Smith.

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**THIS MISSOURIAN DISCOVERED GREAT SCIENTIFIC LAWS
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Released June 11, 1959

This Missouri scientist, teacher, and U. S. Department of Agriculture economist made independent discoveries of scientific laws in their relation to wheat heredity and the mathematics of land

fertilization, and he was foremost in the inauguration of farm management studies and the county agent agricultural plan. Who was he?

What was his background?

One of a family of 15 children, he was born on a farm in Lawrence County, Missouri, October 23, 1863. He worked his way through the University of Missouri, interrupting his studies to teach at Pierce City (Missouri) Baptist College, 1884-1885. He graduated from the University in 1886 and received the M.S. degree in 1889. He taught science in the Marshall (Missouri) Public Schools, 1886-1887; the Cape Girardeau State Normal, 1887-1889; Vincennes (Indiana) University, 1889-1891; and Monmouth (Oregon) State Normal, 1891-1894. He married Miss Mattie L. Ramsey of St. Louis in 1889, and to them was born one son, Ramsay.

Where did he begin his scientific experimentation?

Because of the need for winter wheat in Washington, as professor of agriculture at Washington State College, Pullman, he conducted experiments in wheat hybridization which resulted in the rediscovery of Mendel's law of recombination in 1901 and brought him to the attention of other American and of British scientists.

What was his work in the U. S. Department of Agriculture?

Because of his brilliant work in plant heredity, in 1902 he was named agrostologist in charge of grass and forage plant investigation



Courtesy Dr. Ramsay Spillman

He Was Foremost in the Introduction of the County Agent Agricultural Plan

in the U. S. D. A. He was appointed chief of the newly created office of farm management in the U. S. Bureau of Plant Industry in 1904. He was a foremost leader in the inauguration of farm demonstration work and the county agent plan, and he developed and

promoted the use of farm management surveys. He was chosen the first president of the American Farm Economics Association in 1910. As a result of friction with U. S. Secretary of Agriculture, David F. Huston, he resigned in 1918 to become associate editor of *Farm Journal*.



Spillman, *Balanced Farming
for the Inland Empire*

**He Made Independent Discoveries
of Scientific Laws Relating to
Wheat Heredity and Land Fertiliza-
tion**

organizing ability with a penetrating power of abstract reasoning.

What was his later career?

He returned to the U.S.D.A. in 1921 as a consulting specialist and served in that capacity until his death in 1931. From 1921 he also served as professor of commercial geography at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. It was said of him that to a very unusual degree he combined practical

What were some of his other achievements?

The discovery in 1920 of the mathematical form of the law of diminishing returns with relation to the measure of the use of fertilizer on farms again won him widespread acclaim. He devised the dot-map method of presenting statistics graphically.

What did he accomplish as an author?

His writings, over 300 in number, range from popular articles for the farm press to technical mathematical treatises. Among his best

known works are *Balancing the Farm Output*, *Farm Science*, and *Farm Grasses of the United States*. He was joint author of *The Law of Diminishing Returns*.

What was his name?

William Jasper Spillman.

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HISTORICAL NOTES AND COMMENTS

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Many friends of former President Harry S. Truman gathered in Lamar on April 19 to join with him in observing the dedication of his birthplace and the presentation to Governor James T. Blair, Jr., of the deed to the property to the State by the International Union of the United Automobile, Aircraft, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America and its affiliated councils of Kansas City and St. Louis.

John Truman, the former President's father, purchased the home in 1882, and here Harry S. Truman was born on May 8, 1884. The family moved from Lamar when the future President was about eleven months old. Since then the home has changed hands several times, until in April, 1957, when the international union and the officer councils of St. Louis and Kansas City joined to purchase the six-room, two-story house for \$6,000.

On May 3, 1957, the union gave the property to the State at a ceremony in the executive offices, Jefferson City, attended by Governor James T. Blair, Jr., members of the State Park Board, and union officials. Since that time the house has been restored and maintained by the State Park Board, both the interior and exterior being given, as nearly as possible, their original appearance.

Lamar is indeed fortunate in being the birthplace of a President, the man who is undoubtedly Missouri's best known citizen today. The location of that humble home in Lamar will through the years attract many visitors who are eager to study more closely the origins of this man, the son of a Missouri farmer and trader in livestock, a man who, as one of the speakers stated so well, is "symbolic of all of the hopes and dreams of every farm boy in America."

MEMBERS ACTIVE IN INCREASING THE SOCIETY'S MEMBERSHIP

During the three months of February, March, and April, 1959, the following members of the Society have increased its membership as follows:

ONE LIFE MEMBER

Binns, Walter Pope, Liberty
Jones, Linda, St. Louis

SEVEN NEW MEMBERS

Evans, O. D., Webster Groves
March, David D., Kirksville

FIVE NEW MEMBERS

Trainer, James S., Steelville

FOUR NEW MEMBERS

Carolus, R. P., Spokane, Wash.
Forbes, Gerald E., St. Louis
Hunolt, Joe W., La Belle

Rose, Bill, Cape Girardeau
Schroeder, Mrs. E. G., Imperial
Williamson, Hugh P., Fulton

THREE NEW MEMBERS

Currie, Edward, Jr., Hattiesburg, Miss.
Ellsberry, Mrs. Elizabeth, Chillicothe
Pollock, Frank S., Amarillo, Texas

Proctor, J. W., Columbia
Purteet, Bryan, St. Louis
Sullivan, S. H., Sullivan

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Funk, E. M., Columbia
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Wash.
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Wahl, Clarence G., Louisiana

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Chadeayne, Mrs. H. A., St. Louis
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Dietrich, H. R., Maryville
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Dressel, J. M., St. Louis
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Three hundred and ninety-seven applications for membership were received by the Society during the three months of February,

March, and April, 1959. The total Annual and Life memberships as of May 1, 1959 is 11,337. The new members are:

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Mountain, Tennessee
Vatterott, Charles F., Jr., St. Ann
Wahl, Robert A., Louisiana
Wallace, George S., Potosi LIFE
Wallace, Wilbur, Belle
Wallis, George W., Columbia
Warner, J. B., Sr., Nashville, Ark.
Watson, Mrs. F. E., Columbia
Wayman, Mrs. Edna, Bethany
Weaver, Mrs. Mack, Jefferson City
Wehmueler, Bert, Washington LIFE
Weiss, Gilbert, St. Louis
Wells, Mrs. Jean, Cheney, Wash.
- Westing, Raymond A., St. Louis
White, Jay, Rolla
Whitehead, L. E., Kimmwick
Wilkinson, Mrs. L. A., St. Louis
Williams, E. Paul, Brookfield
Williams, Edwin Moss, Columbia
Wilson, Mrs. Pearle, Waynesville
Wilson, Mrs. Rolland, La Belle
Wirth, William H., St. Louis
Witte, J. J., St. Louis
Wohl, David P., St. Louis LIFE
Wolfrum, Thomas, Berkeley, Calif.
Woods, Dick H., Kansas City
Woodside, Dennis Kane, University
City
Woollever, Bill, Joplin
Woolverton, Gene, Thayer
Wren, E. N., Columbia
Wright, Jerald, Trenton
Wright, Mrs. Joe, Triplett LIFE
Wright, Philip A., Kirkwood
Yagel, Lesley Mae, Purdin
Yeager, Edsel L., Mountain Grove
Yeargain, Scott, Jr., Mexico
York, Robert J., Independence
Young, Mary A., Kansas City
Young, R. W., Chicago, Ill.
Young, William, Washington

DEDICATION OF TRUMAN BIRTHPLACE AND OBSERVANCE OF TRUMAN'S
BIRTHDAY IN LAMAR

Former President Harry S. Truman returned to Lamar on April 19 to participate in ceremonies marking the dedication of his birthplace and the presentation of the deed to Governor James T. Blair, Jr. Senator Stuart Symington, who gave the dedicatory address, and Leonard Woodcock, Detroit, international vice president of the United Auto Workers, were among those who paid tribute to the former president.

Woodcock, in presenting the deed to Governor Blair, called attention to a plaque nearby which reads: "This property is presented to the people of the State of Missouri by the International Union of the United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers of America and the U. A. W. officers' councils of St. Louis and Kansas City as a token of our appreciation and respect for Harry S. Truman who served as the 32nd President of the



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Monument at Harry S. Truman Birthplace, Lamar.

This marble monument was erected by the International United Auto Workers, Detroit, at a cost of \$2,000.

United States of America with honor and distinction and who gave our Nation and the world courageous and dedicated leadership in the search for peace, freedom and justice."

Governor Blair stated in reply that "We in Missouri accept it with pleasure because President Truman by his life and works has become the number one citizen of our state."

Don Braker, president of the Lamar High School student council, in presenting a plaque from the people of Lamar, noted that the former President is "symbolic of all of the hopes and dreams of every farm boy in America."

Joseph Jaeger, Jr., Jefferson City, Director of Parks for the State Park Board, and President Truman also spoke briefly. Randall S. Jessee, Kansas City, chairman of the Harry S. Truman Birthplace Dedication Committee, acted as master of ceremonies, the Reverend Walter Goodman, Lamar, delivered the invocation, and Monsignor

Curtis Tiernan, chaplain of the 129th Field Artillery, offered the benediction.

Members of Battery D, Truman's World War I outfit, held a 90-minute reception for their old commander preceding the dedication.

The presentation by Dr. Floyd C. Shoemaker of the American Association for State and Local History Award of Merit to Leonard Woodcock, Walter Daahl, president of the St. Louis U. A. W. Officers' Council, and Leland Cox, treasurer of the Kansas City Officers' Council, highlighted the evening banquet held in the Travelers Hotel.

Randall S. Jessee again acted as master of ceremonies, and Joseph Jaeger, Jr., Congressman William J. Randall, Senator Symington, and President Truman all spoke briefly.

The awards, the first given by the American Association for State and Local History to a labor organization, are identical in language and read as follows: "American Association for State and Local History Award to International Union, United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW-AFL-CIO) and Its Affiliated Councils of Kansas City and St. Louis for their patriotic foresight in purchasing the birthplace of Harry S. Truman and presenting it to the Missouri State Park Board."

STATE PARK BOARD ACCEPTS BOONSЛИCK SITE

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Clinkscales of Boonville have donated to the State an eight-acre tract in Howard County near Boonesboro which includes the Boon's Lick Spring. Governor James T. Blair, Jr., on April 8 announced the gift and stated that it had been

accepted by the State Park Board. The site, which will be known as Boonslick State Park, will be maintained by personnel from nearby Arrow Rock State Park.

Nathan Boone, a son of the eminent frontiersman, stated in 1851 that "Col. Daniel Boone never discovered *Boone's Lick*: It took its name from *Daniel M. & Nathan Boone* working it, &



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Boone's Lick

from the latter's early discovery of it. In 1806, *D. M. & Nathan Boone* commenced salt-making there—with six or eight men employed, one furnace of forty kettles, made 25 or 30 bushels of salt per day—which, when boated down to the settlements, & St. Louis, sold readily from \$2 to \$2.50 pr bushel. They afterwards enlarged the furnace, & also erected a new one, having sixty kettles in each of increased size, & kept from sixteen to twenty men employed, making 100 bushels of salt . . . per day. These springs were never worked by white or red men before. It took about 300 gallons of the water for a bushel of salt—a nice experiment, performed with care & saving, & not suffering it to boil over & waste, showed that 250 gallons would make a bushel. . . .

"The manufacture of salt at *Boone's Lick* did not prove profitable. *D. M. Boone* continued nearly four years, then sold out his interest to *James Morrison*.

"In the fall of 1811, *Nathan Boone* . . . disposed of his interest in the salt works. The works were not losing business, & would have been profitable, but for the troubles & pilferings of the Indians at the works for several years, chiefly in stealing & killing the working & beef cattle—When the working cattle would be killed or taken, with which wood to supply the works was drawn, the works would have to stop till they could send some 150 miles to the settlements & buy & bring up others—a tedious matter; & the hands in the meantime doing nothing. Salt bore a good price."*

SEMINAR ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION HELD IN JEFFERSON CITY

A one-day seminar on local history preservation was held in Jefferson City on May 1, bringing together representatives of local historical, archaeological, patriotic, and other organizations to discuss common questions and interests. John H. Hendren, Jr., president of the Cole County Historical Society, and James St. George Tucker of Fulton presided at the meetings, which were held in the Cole County Museum and the Governor Hotel.

Former Governor Forrest Smith welcomed the historians to the seminar, which was jointly sponsored by the Audrain County Historical Society, Cole County Historical Society, Jackson County

*Interview with Nathan Boone by Lyman C. Draper, 1851, in Draper Manuscripts, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 244-46. The State Historical Society of Missouri has a photostatic copy of the portion relating to this State. Draper was secretary of the Wisconsin State Historical Society from 1854 to 1886.

Historical Society, Historic Hermann, Inc., and the Missouri Historical Society of St. Louis.

Others appearing on the program include W. Howard Adams, Independence; Robert S. Green, Mexico; Mrs. Warren B. Lammert, St. Louis; James St. George Tucker, Fulton; Dr. William J. Murtagh, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Philip C. Brooks, Independence; Miss Grace Muller, St. James; Charles van Ravenswaay, St. Louis; Roy E. Coy, St. Joseph; Richard S. Hagen, Springfield, Illinois; Robert G. Stewart, Clayton; Joseph Jaeger, Jr., Jefferson City; Mrs. William Harrison, Hermann; Betty Atkins, Vienna; Mrs. James Miller, Columbia; Mrs. Lucille Reynolds, Westport; and Dr. W. Francis English, Columbia.

The meeting closed with a reception given by the Cole County Historical Society at the Governor's Mansion, through the courtesy of Governor and Mrs. James T. Blair, Jr.

CONGRESSMEN HEAR CASE FOR WILSON'S CREEK NATIONAL
MILITARY PARK

Congressmen Ed Edmondson, Oklahoma, William J. Randall, Missouri, and J. Edgar Chenoweth, Colorado, members of a special subcommittee of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, and Karl S. Landstrom, committee consultant, heard a report on the importance of the Battle of Wilson's Creek at a hearing held in Springfield on April 3. Experts on the history of the struggle, who hope that the site will become a national park, recalled with maps, histories, and personal stories the bitter fighting which occurred seven miles southwest of Springfield on August 10, 1861. The hearing closed with a trip to the battlefield.

Participants at the hearing included Congressman Charlie Brown, Springfield, who introduced witnesses to the committee; Dr. L. E. Meador, president of the Wilson's Creek Battlefield Foundation; Dr. C. Benton Manley; Louis W. Reps; John K. Hulston; Dr. F. T. H'Doubler, Jr.; Charles Sheppard; Joseph Jaeger, director of Missouri Parks; Henry B. Warren, Jr.; former Congressman James E. Ruffin; O. K. Armstrong; Miss Etta Manley; Miss Nona Morton; and Dr. Bert Maybee, Kansas City, chairman of the Missouri Civil War Centennial Commission. John K. Hulston, Springfield, is chairman of the Wilson's Creek Memorial Park steering committee.

COPIES OF THE JANUARY, 1959, *Review* WANTED

The Society's continuing growth in membership has caused a depletion of its supply of the January issue of the *Missouri Historical Review*. It would be sincerely appreciated if members who do not keep a file of the *Review* would return the January issue to us after they have completed their reading. Thank you!

ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

The Barry County Historical Society met in the American Legion Home, Cassville, on April 9 and heard Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Duncan, Neosho, discuss the reorganization and the work of the Newton County Historical Society and Civil War incidents in Southwest Missouri. Officers elected for the new year include



Johnston Studio, Cape Girardeau

Speakers' Table at 33rd Annual Meeting of Cape Girardeau County Historical Society, April 25, 1959

Seated, left to right: Fred W. Naeter, charter member; Mrs. Floyd C. Shoemaker; Dr. Shoemaker, guest speaker; Dr. Earl A. Collins, president; Mrs. Collins. *Standing:* The Rev. Frank C. Tucker; Mrs. Tucker; Benjamin E. Dietrich; Mrs. A. W. Thilenius, vice president; Ruben R. Schade, secretary-treasurer

Charles A. Knouse, president; Emory Melton and M. M. Hess, vice presidents; Miss Erma Williams, recording secretary; Mrs. E. W. Russey, corresponding secretary; and Oscar Higgins, treasurer.

The Cape Girardeau County Historical Society, oldest active county historical society in the State, held its annual banquet at the Colonial Restaurant, Cape Girardeau, on April 25 and heard Dr. Floyd C. Shoemaker, Columbia, commend the society on its accomplishments and issue a challenge for the future. Dr. Earl A. Collins presided, and the Reverend Frank C. Tucker pronounced the invocation. The very large attendance included people from Cape Girardeau, Bollinger, New Madrid, and Scott counties.

The Carroll County Historical Society met in the Friendship Room of the Carroll County Library, Carrollton, on April 23, when Miss Pearl Edwin Lowrance gave an illustrated talk, "Furniture, Tools and Dishes Used in the Early Days of Carroll County." Several other members gave brief talks about antiques which they displayed.

The Carrollton city council has given the Carroll County Historical Society permission to establish a museum in the city hall.

The Clay County Historical Society held its annual dinner meeting in Sandy's Oak Ridge Manor on April 8 and elected new officers, including Russell Dye, president; Charley Shinn, vice president; Mrs. Sam H. Ray, secretary; E. Hugh Cravens, treasurer; Mrs. E. E. Kirkland, curator; and Mrs. John E. Davis, historian.

At the annual meeting of the Florissant Historical Society held in January, President Herb Wilmes reviewed the accomplishments of the organization during its first six months. New officers elected include Mrs. Leslie Davison, president; Miss Esther Millman and Ed Benton, vice presidents; Mrs. Fred Gladbach, Jr., secretary; Miss Marjorie Albers, treasurer; and Mrs. Marianne Bray, historian.

The Florissant Historical Society in April issued Volume 1, Number 1, of "Florissant Historical Society Quarterly," a seven-page mimeographed publication. The purpose of the quarterly is "to keep you fully informed of the work of the society, projects and plans under way, news of coming social events, plus informative articles on local history."

The Gentry County Historical Society met on April 5 in the R-II school auditorium, Stanberry, and heard talks by E. K. McDermott, Omaha attorney, and Thomas R. Hooper, Civil War historian of Maryville, who spoke on "The Great Locomotive Chase." Officers elected for the coming year include Mrs. Catherine Johnson, president; Dr. S. O. Harding, Mrs. Wilbur Ferguson, and Mrs. Sallie Jameson, vice presidents; Mrs. Ethel Bennett Wharton and Verne Humphrey, secretaries; Edgar Lippincott, treasurer; Mrs. Lena Yeater, historian; and George Vogt, parliamentarian.

The Grand River Valley Historical Society met in Chillicothe on April 9 and heard Mrs. Elizabeth Prather Ellsberry speak on "Missouri's Responsibility to Genealogy."

The Greene County Historical Society, meeting in the Springfield Art Museum on March 19, heard Lieutenant Colonel Paul A. Frey, Retired, discuss the history of Company K, Second Infantry, Missouri National Guards.

The Greene County Historical Society, meeting in the Springfield Art Museum on April 16, heard an address, "America's Yesterday," by Clifford J. Larson, instructor in art at Drury College, in which he discussed antiques ranging from fine glassware to woven coverlets.

Historic Hermann on May 16-17 presented its eighth annual "Maifest," the May festival, featuring "On Flows the River," a pageant written and directed by Mrs. Anna Hesse, which portrays Hermann's role in making the Missouri River the highway to the West. Proceeds from the pageant are used for restoration of the Gentner House, built in 1850 in the classic revival design.

The Historical Association of Greater St. Louis met in the Chouteau House of St. Louis University on March 6 and heard Dr. Peter J. Coleman, assistant professor of history at Washington University, speak on "A Battle Royal in the Gorge of the Arkansas."

The New Madrid County Historical Society, at its reorganization meeting on April 10, named the following officers for the coming year: Bill Headlee, president; Miss Hunter Miller, vice president; and Marshall Dial, secretary-treasurer.

The Pike County Historical Society met in the Wahl Hotel, Louisiana, on April 7 and heard Paxton P. Price, Jefferson City, the State librarian, discuss the functions of the more important libraries in the State. Officers elected for the new year include Mrs. Robert L. Motley, president; Edwin Stark, vice president; Mrs. Glenn Ingram, secretary; and Don Howdeshell, historian.

The St. Charles County Historical Society, holding its annual meeting at the Academy of the Sacred Heart on April 16, heard Charles van Ravenswaay, director of the Missouri Historical Society, speak on "History Is Good Business." New officers elected include H. K. Stumberg, president; John Becker and Mrs. John Duello, vice presidents; Mrs. Kurt Achelpohl, secretary; Miss Ruth Lawing, treasurer; and Reinhart Steigemeier, historian.

The St. Clair County Historical Society was organized in a meeting held at Osceola on May 8. The following officers were elected to serve until the annual meeting, which will be held on October 1: Ralph P. Johnson, president; Alice J. Farmer, Elizabeth Yoss, and George Siegismund, vice presidents; Helen Morrow, secretary; and Morran D. Harris, treasurer. The society has 27 founding members.

Members of the Saline County Historical Society, meeting in Murrell Library, Missouri Valley College, Marshall, on March 20, heard Henry W. Hamilton discuss the archaeological value of Van Meter State Park and plans for research and development. Officers elected for the new year include Allen Soper, president; Miss Clarah Brown, secretary; and Mrs. Bessie McAmis, treasurer.

The Concordia Historical Institute, St. Louis, meeting jointly with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, will hold its eleventh triennial convention in St. Paulus Lutheran Church, San Francisco, on June 20. The institute serves as archives, library, and museum for the synod.

The Missouri Historical Society, meeting in the Jefferson Memorial, St. Louis, on March 20, heard an address by Dr. Robert L. D. Davidson, president of Westminster College, Fulton, entitled "A Stranger in the Kingdom of Callaway."

The Missouri Historical Society of St. Louis held its ninety-third anniversary dinner in the Khorassan Room of the Hotel Chase on April 23. The program featured "Musical Echoes of Old St. Louis," a nostalgic hour of the folk and popular tunes sung and beloved in St. Louis in the century before 1900, including Creole songs, selections from *The Missouri Harmony*, a banjo medley, a medley of spirituals; a selection of Civil War songs, music of the old German beer gardens, barber shop ballads, and famous Dixieland music.

The Missouri Society of the Inland Empire met in Spokane, Washington, on April 4 and elected new officers, including Mrs. Art Wells, Cheney, president; A. A. Beyersdorf, Spokane, secretary; and Kenneth Caudill, Spokane, treasurer.

The Native Sons of Kansas City, in a dinner meeting at the Wishbone on April 7, heard an address by Howard N. Monnett, "The Battle of Westport."

ANNIVERSARIES

The law office of John Marshall Clemens, father of Mark Twain, was dedicated at a ceremony in Hannibal on April 30, as Judge Elgin T. Fuller of the Tenth Judicial Circuit unveiled the plaque which was mounted on the building by the Missouri Bar. Lieutenant Governor Edward V. Long and Harry Gershenson, St. Louis, past president of the Missouri Bar, gave the dedicatory addresses. The Lieutenant Governor paid special tribute to John Winkler and his family for their continuing work in adding to the Mark Twain group in Hannibal. William B. Spaun, president of the Tenth Judicial Circuit Bar, acted as master of ceremonies.

The story of Clemens and his office is summarized in "From This Law Office, Twain Tales," a feature story by William B. Spaun in the *Kansas City Times*, April 29.

Doniphan will observe its centennial with a six-day celebration on August 17-22. The affair will be highlighted by a historical pageant. The State House of Representatives has adopted House Resolution No. 162, extending its congratulations to the people of Doniphan and Ripley County on the occasion.

The Callao Methodist Church, the oldest house of worship in the town, observed its centennial with special morning and afternoon services on May 3.

The Zion Lutheran Church, Lincoln, observed its centennial with special services on May 3. The morning and afternoon sermons were given by former pastors, the Rev. Henry J. Luker, Shaw-nutoron, and the Rev. J. A. E. Bauer, Shelbyville, and the Rev. George W. Wittmer, St. Louis, president of the Western Synod, delivered the evening sermon.

St. Paul's College, Concordia, commemorated its seventy-fifth anniversary with two events on April 26. Dr. Oliver Harms, fourth vice president of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas, a native of Cole Camp and 1921 graduate of the school, spoke at the afternoon service, and an evening banquet featured Senator Stuart Symington as speaker.

The State Historical Society, after due consideration by the Society's Finance Committee, has joined other admirers of the late General John J. Pershing in requesting that a commemorative stamp be issued on the 100th anniversary of his birth. General Pershing was born near Laclede in Linn County on September 13, 1860.

Seven covered wagons slowly rolled over the paved hills of Jackson County on April 19, as more than 20 Oregonians left Independence Square at 8:30, hoping to reach Independence, Oregon, by August 15. The trek, a part of the Oregon Centennial celebration, will retrace as closely as possible the route of the old Oregon Trail.

MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS

The tomb of Ulysses S. Grant, the Nation's eighteenth President, became a national shrine on May 1. The huge, Doric style, white granite monument in New York City is now known as the General Grant National Memorial. The burial places of only two other presidents, Andrew Johnson and Franklin D. Roosevelt, have been honored in this way.

Congressmen Ed Edmondson, Oklahoma, William J. Randall, Missouri, and J. Edgar Chenoweth, Colorado, members of a special subcommittee of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, heard a report on the importance of the Battle of Wilson's Creek at a hearing held in Springfield on April 3. Experts on the history of the struggle, who hope that the site will become a national park,

recalled with maps, histories, and personal stories the bitter fighting which occurred ten miles southwest of Springfield on August 10, 1861. The hearing was closed by a trip to the battlefield.

HONORS AND TRIBUTES

Mrs. Blanche Mallary Binns, Liberty, wife of Dr. Walter Pope Binns, president of William Jewell College, has been named Missouri Mother of the Year for 1959. Governor James T. Blair, Jr., conferred the award upon Mrs. Binns in a ceremony held in the lounge of the William Jewell Union on April 21. Members of the Tuesday Study Club, which sponsored Mrs. Binns' candidacy for the award, presented her an engraved silver bowl to commemorate the occasion. Dr. and Mrs. Binns have two sons, E. Mallary Binns, Louisville, Kentucky, and Walker Binns, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and two daughters, Mrs. Blanche Wetzell, Gastonia, North Carolina, and Mrs. Emma Bercaw, Wilmington, Delaware.

The late George Robb Ellison, judge of the Supreme Court of Missouri, 1931-1955, was honored on March 12 when his portrait, commissioned by the late Mrs. Ellison before her death, was presented to the Court by Dorr Ewing, Maryville attorney. Judge Ellison's sister, Mrs. Carleton Lathrup, Cheyenne, Wyoming, unveiled the painting by Charles F. Gault, St. Louis artist, and Supreme Court Judge C. A. Leedy, Kansas City, accepted on behalf of the Court. Former Supreme Court Judge James M. Douglas, St. Louis, also spoke. Judge Ellison was a trustee of The State Historical Society at the time of his death on July 17, 1957.

A portrait of Roy Hamlin, Marion County Representative since 1933, was unveiled in the House chamber on March 18 by two of his daughters, Mrs. M. C. Hierman, Kansas City, Kansas, and Mrs. Eugene Dudgeon, Lewistown, Missouri. The painting by William Knox, St. Louis artist, will hang in the House corridors. Governor James T. Blair, Jr., a former member of the House, several members of Hamlin's family, and four other former House speakers were present. Representative Hamlin served as Democratic floor leader in seven assemblies and as Speaker of the House for eight years.

Oliver Ray Johnson, professor of agricultural economics at the University of Missouri, was honored at a special recognition dinner

in the Memorial Student Union on April 5. A highlight of the program was the presentation of Professor Johnson's portrait to the University's College of Agriculture. The portrait, presented by J. Wendell McKinsey and accepted by Dean John H. Longwell, was painted by Ned Etheridge, Columbia. President Elmer Ellis, Howard B. Lang, Jr., D. Howard Doane, and Gordon B. Nance paid tribute to Professor Johnson and his many accomplishments. Professor Johnson is retiring from the University faculty this year after 48 years of service and 42 years as chairman of the department.

Miss Hazel Price, Glasgow, was honored on April 17 with an open house held in the Glasgow Public Library. The principal speaker, Dr. Floyd C. Shoemaker, Columbia, discussed the cultural background of Glasgow, the contribution of Colonel Benjamin W. Lewis in endowing the Lewis Library, and the role played by Miss Price in the development of the library. The group then met in the reading room where W. C. Denny, president of the Lewis Library Board, unveiled a plaque honoring Miss Price and made a dedicatory talk, to which Miss Price responded.

Dr. Loran G. Townsend, dean of the College of Education, presented citations for distinguished service to education to four University of Missouri graduates at an Education Day dinner in Columbia on March 10. The educators honored were Miss Fern Ellenberger, an elementary teacher of North Kansas City; Dr. Roy Ellis, president of Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield; Dr. Merle Karnes, associated with the Champaign, Illinois, public schools; and Hubert Wheeler, State Commissioner of Education, Jefferson City.

Former President and Mrs. Harry S. Truman were presented honorary memberships in the National Civil War Centennial Commission by Dr. Bert Maybee, chairman of the Missouri commission, in a ceremony at the Truman Library, Independence, on March 10.

The Buenos Aires *La Prensa*, February 16, in an article regarding the selection of Edwin Moss Williams, son of Walter Williams, as the first consultant of the Freedom of Information Center in the University of Missouri School of Journalism, includes pictures of the School of Journalism and of Walter Williams, its founder.

Four prominent American engineers, all University alumni, were presented the Missouri Honor Award for Distinguished Service in Engineering at the engineering convocation in Columbia on March 21. The recipients were Elmer Lee Anderson, Springfield, retired chief engineer for the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway; Herbert Michael Bosch, professor of public health engineering at the University of Minnesota; Dr. John Fyfer Calvert, head of the department of electrical engineering at the University of Pittsburgh; and Mason Vaugh, retired head of agricultural engineering at Allahabad Agricultural Institute, India.

NOTES

A significant portion of the Harry S. Truman Presidential Papers was opened to researchers at the Truman Library, Independence, on May 11. Persons wishing to use papers and other materials are requested to make advance application to Dr. Philip C. Brooks, Director of the Library, informing him of the nature and purposes of their projects. Students are normally expected to include letters of introduction from their professors with their applications.

The papers that were opened include about three-fourths of two principal segments of President Truman's White House central files, those of some of his immediate staff, and a portion of the papers representing his service as Senator. It is estimated that they contain a total of about 1,500,000 pages. A collection of books, microfilm, and microprint was also made available to researchers.

The American Association for State and Local History has published a 32-page bulletin, *Organizing a Local Historical Society*, written by Dr. Clement M. Silvestro, executive secretary of the organization and editor of *History News*, the monthly publication of the Association. The booklet suggests procedures which may be followed in launching a local society and includes sample articles of incorporation, constitution, and by-laws. The State Historical Society has distributed complimentary copies of the bulletin to the president and secretary of each local historical society in the State. Copies may be obtained at 75¢ each from the Executive Secretary, 816 State Street, Madison 6, Wisconsin.

Mrs. John J. Gasparotti, Moberly, novelist and contributor of fiction to popular magazines, has given the Society 23 American

editions and 14 European editions of her novels. The Society previously possessed 16 of her books. Mrs. Gasparotti, a native of Washington, Missouri, publishes under her maiden name, Elizabeth Seifert.

R. Russell Harrison, Director of Alumni Activities at Northeast Missouri State Teachers College, Kirksville, has given the Society a copy of *Joseph Baldwin: Pioneer Educator*, an address given as the Baldwin Lecture in 1957 by Homer L. Knight, head of the department of history at Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, Stillwater.

The Landmarks Association of St. Louis, Inc., formed to save Louis buildings of historic or architectural importance, held its first public meeting on March 12 in the Old Courthouse and heard addresses by Richard H. Howland, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D. C., and Joseph Passonneau, dean of the Washington University School of Architecture. Officers of the group include Dean Passonneau, president, and Mrs. John W. Seddon, secretary.

The First Methodist Church of Sikeston has given the Society a copy of the mimeographed bulletin, "A Half-Century of Methodism: The Saint Louis Annual Conference, 1908-1957," by J. C. Montgomery, Poplar Bluff.

Professor Alvis A. Dunson of Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College, Prairie View, Texas, has given the Society a 45-page typescript copy of his "A Checklist of German Books from the Earliest Times Up To 1940," a list of books and other important items written in German in Missouri.

A long court fight for the possession of a collection of field notes from the Lewis and Clark Expedition ended on March 25, when the Minnesota Historical Society announced that it had given up its claim to 67 items found in a St. Paul attic some years ago. The Federal Government lost its suit for the notes last year. The material is now in the hands of Louis Starr, New York City, an heir of Mrs. Sophia Foster, in whose attic the notes were found, and is being kept in a private vault.

H. C. Asel of Lawrence, Kansas, has given the Society a copy of his booklet, *Assel: Kaiserslautern, Bavaria—DeKalb County, Missouri*.

The Society has received from Austin Hill, chief clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives, a copy of House Resolution Number 97, adopted to convey the felicitations of the House to the people of Carter County on its centennial.

Cyril Clemens, Kirkwood, has given the Society a copy of his article, "Mark Twain's Mother," *Hobbies* (March, 1959); a program from the Daly's 5th Avenue Theatre production on July 31, 1877, of *Ah Sin!*, by Mark Twain and Bret Harte; and a photograph of the model by Walter Russell, New York sculptor, portraying Mark Twain surrounded by his literary characters.

Ralph Gregory, Washington, has given the Society three selected translations from *Gesammelte Schriften von Friedrich Muench* (St. Louis: C. Witter, 1902), "Foreward, by the Sons," "Monism and Dualism," and "Friedrich Muench's Last Words."

The Society has acquired photostatic copies of three letters written from Liberty in 1845 by William L., Constantia, and Rebecca Smith to their son and brother, Thomas Hardeman Smith, in Oregon Territory. The photostatic negatives were borrowed through the courtesy of Judge R. Kenneth Elliott and Jack B. Wymore, both of Liberty. Judge Elliott has also given the Society a typescript copy of the three letters with a foreward prepared by himself. Mrs. Constantia Smith was a sister of Peter H. Burnett, Oregon pioneer and later the first governor of California.

Dr. Monte Peterson, Belton, has given the Society a microfilm copy of his dissertation, "Colleges By The Wayside," a history of defunct Baptist schools and colleges in Missouri.

The Honorable Dewey Short, former Missouri Congressman and now Assistant Secretary of the Army and member of the National Civil War Centennial Commission, was the principal speaker at the national assembly on centennial plans held at Richmond Virginia, on April 16-17. The topic of his address was "A Centennial for All Americans."

Miss Emma N. Hard, Macon, has given the Society a typescript copy of her "Centennial of the Macon Presbyterian Church." This historical sketch states that "The Church at Macon has the distinction of being the first in the United States where the First Presbyterian and Cumberland Presbyterian Church united."

The Missouri Council for Social Studies has given the Society a copy of its recently mimeographed publication, "Thomas Hart Benton," by William E. Parrish, Assistant Professor of History at Westminster College, Fulton. This is the first publication in the Council's scheduled series of biographies.

The Society has received from Joseph A. Bauer, secretary of the Missouri Senate, a copy of Senate Resolution Number 63, adopted to convey the felicitations of the Senate to the people of Carter County on its centennial.

Ed Eighmy, Grant City, has given the Society a photostatic copy of a Government survey map prepared in the early 1850's showing the northern portions of Worth and Nodaway counties. Below the map is a brief description of the legal phase of the dispute between Missouri and Iowa over the location of the boundary.

Earl W. Kersten, Jr., of the Mackay School of Mines, University of Nevada, has given the Society two copies of his "Changing Economy and Landscape In a Missouri Ozarks Area," reprinted from *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, XLVIII (December, 1958).

Some 500 visitors toured ten beautiful Carrollton homes at the first annual homes tour sponsored by the Carrollton Woman's Club on April 26.

E. K. Van Eman, Tulsa, Oklahoma, has given the society an early plat book of Adair County and the following Missouri atlases: Andrew County, 1934; Carroll County, 1914; Chariton County, 1915; Clark County, 1915; Harrison County, 1940; Jackson County, 1911; Knox County, 1916; LaClede County, 1912; Lafayette County, 1914; Lincoln County, 1938; Linn County, 1915; and St. Louis County, 1909.

The Society has purchased from Mrs. Elizabeth Prather Ellsberry, Chillicothe, copies of her mimeographed publications, "Lillard and Lafayette County, Missouri Marriage Records" and "Marriage Records of Carroll County, Missouri."

Community Studies, Incorporated, of Kansas City has given the Society a copy of "The Politics of Reform: Kansas City's Municipal Government, 1925-1950," a 430-page mimeographed study written by A. Theodore Brown.

Louis N. Bowman, King City, has given the Society typescript copies of "A Little Sketch of S. Levy's Life Since the Departure From His Parents" and "Memorandum in the Year 1868 of S. Levy." In these papers Samuel Levy recorded his impressions of his ocean crossing in 1857 and many notes on early Gentryville, Berlin, and Buhlsville, all in Gentry County, and St. Joseph. A series of extracts from the original manuscript appear in the King City *Tri-County News*, beginning April 10.

"From Out of the Past," an illustrated feature by Glenn Hensley in the *Missouri Farmer*, March, 1959, describes briefly the National Museum of Transport near St. Louis.

"Under Two Flags," an article by Claude M. Morgan in *The United Daughters of the Confederacy Magazine*, April, 1959, describes the activity of General Joseph Orville Shelby of Waverly during the Civil War and the first months of his sojourn in Mexico.

"Many Nationally-Known Writers Have Been Residents of Polk County," an article in the *Bolivar Free Press*, March 26, notes that Polk County residents have included the late Zoe Akins, a Pulitzer Prize winner, the late Ramsey Benson, whose *Hill Country* won a \$7,500 prize given by a New York publisher, the late Charles U. Becker, who depicted the West in fiction, Hugh F. Grinstead and his daughter, Frances Grinstead, Clyde Edwin Tuck, Allen H. Godbey, Arthur Henderson, and the late Marion C. Early, all of whom achieved some note with their novels, articles, short stories, or textbooks.

In "Old Pictures and Old Times," Flat River *Lead Belt News*, March 18, Albert Karsch discusses the chat dumps which sprung up as a result of lead mining activities in St. Francois County.

"Decorators Restore Louis XVI Drawing Room," an illustrated feature by Nell Snead in the *Kansas City Star*, April 12, discusses the restoration of the elegant room as it appeared in the lifetime of the R. A. Long family, former owners of the home which now houses the Kansas City Museum.

"Missouri Had First Stations on the Overland Stage Route," an article by W. Eugene Hollon in the *Kansas City Star*, April 12, summarizes the organization and operation of the Butterfield Overland Mail Company over the southern route, 1858-1861.

"Birth of the American Legion," a feature story by Charles S. Stevenson in the *Kansas City Times*, March 14, notes that a Missourian, Lieutenant Colonel Bennett C. Clark, acted as chairman at the first session, which began in Paris on March 15, 1919. Other Missourians of note who were present include Lieutenant Colonel Carl Ristine and Colonel Ruby D. Garrett. The organization's first American meeting opened at St. Louis, where the organizing caucus met on May 8, 1919.

"At the Feet of Oregon Trail's Apostle," an illustrated feature story by Mildred Miles Main in the *Kansas City Times*, April 25, describes a visit to the author's girlhood home in 1908 by Ezra Meeker.

In "Anchors Aweigh at the Crossroad," a feature story in the *Milwaukee Journal*, March 20, Harry Sloan recalls his youth in Northwest Missouri, when travelers forded swollen streams or rode rickety ferries operated by "Country Captains."

"History of Pierce City Newspapers," a feature story by F. G. Mieswinkel in the *Pierce City Leader Journal*, April 2, traces the rise and decline of Pierce City newspapers since the town was laid out in 1870.

"Safeguarding the St. Louis Flavor," a feature story by George McCue in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, March 22, outlines the objectives of the newly organized Landmarks Association of St. Louis.

"Progress Catching Up With Old River Town," a feature story by Jack Rice in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, April 12, provides an interesting view of Louisiana, Missouri.

HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS

A Frontier State at War: Kansas, 1861-1865. By Albert Castel. (Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 1958. xi, 251 pp. Indexed. \$4.50.) For six years after the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill in 1854, Kansas was "the stage for an almost incessant series of political conventions, elections, raids, massacres, pitched battles, and atrocities, all part of a fierce conflict between the Free State and proslavery forces that had come to Kansas to settle and to battle." (p. 2)

Kansas achieved statehood on January 29, 1861, and this account covers the four years which followed, providing a description of the economic, military, and political conditions which existed during the Civil War. Because Kansas history in this period was essentially political and military in character, the author stresses political and military matters, presenting a carefully documented account of the Kansas-Missouri border war, the Union and Confederate military campaigns in Missouri, Arkansas, Indian Territory, and Kansas, and the bitter struggle for political power within the state's Republican Party. Here two protagonists stand out—Charles Robinson, first governor of the state, and James Henry Lane, "a cynic who posed as a zealot, a demagogue who claimed to be a statesman." (p. 19)

The Beveridge Award Honorable Mention for 1957, this volume is an important addition to this period in Kansas history.

General Stand Watie's Confederate Indians. By Frank Cunningham. (San Antonio: The Naylor Company, 1959. xiv, 242 pp. Indexed. \$5.00.) This is an account of the contribution made by the Five Civilized Tribes and other Indians to the Confederate cause, and it is even more the story of Stand Watie, the only Indian to attain general officer rank in the army of the Confederate States of America. Shortly after the organization of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis sent Albert Pike into Indian Territory to seek aid against the United States. Stand Watie, an aristocratic and prosperous slaveholding planter and leader among the Cherokee mixed bloods, organized an independent Indian command, the First Cherokee Rifles, on July 29, 1861, was soon commissioned as colonel in the Confederate Army, and on May 10, 1864, became a brigadier general. The book tells in some detail of fighting by the Indian forces at Pea Ridge and their campaigns in Kansas, Oklahoma, and southern Missouri.

Ideas in Conflict. A Colloquium on Certain Problems in Historical Society Work. Edited by Clifford L. Lord. (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: American Association for State and Local History, 1958. 181 pp. Not indexed. \$3.00.) At the annual convention of the American Association for State and Local History in 1957 the program consisted largely of panel discussions, where the participants took clear-cut and controversial positions in order to clarify certain issues. This paper-backed volume is an edited transcript of the discussion of six subjects, *A Word to the Wise, Is Oral History Really Worth While?, State and Local Societies: Competitors or Cooperators?, Local Societies in Wisconsin, An Industrialist Asks a Question: Are We Really Spreading the American Heritage?, and Is Local History Really Important?*

The Siege of Detroit in 1763: The Journal of Pontiac's Conspiracy and John Rutherford's Narrative of a Captivity. Edited by Milo Milton Quaife. (Chicago: R. R. Donnelley & Sons Company, 1958. lv, 293 pp. Indexed. N. p.) The Lakeside Classic for 1958, this volume deals with an important event in the development of the Midwest, Chief Pontiac's effort to expel the British from Detroit in 1763. The first section is a translation of "Journal ou Dictation d'une Conspiration," a manuscript written by an unknown, probably a Frenchman, who was in Detroit throughout the siege. The second is an account written by a 17-year-old Scot who was captured near Detroit in 1763 and witnessed the siege while a prisoner in the Indian camp. The editor is an Honorary Life Member of the Society.

American Murder Ballads and Their Stories. Collected and edited by Olive Wooley Burt. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1958. xiii, 272 pp. Indexed. \$5.50.) People of all types, ranging from the victims of unrequited love to outlaws, move through the pages of this book, one of the first real efforts to bring together the folklore of American murder. Many of the ballads, which cover the entire area and period of American history, have never been published before, and each tells of an actual murder. The author provides an account of the crime, various forms of the ballads describing the act, and comments about the sources of the ballads. Missourians will be especially interested in the ballads about the Mormon misfortunes in the State, the Bald Knobbers, Jesse James, Stackalee, and the murder of Gus Meeks and his family.

Journey Through the Rocky Mountains and the Humboldt Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. By Jacob H. Schiel. Translated and edited by Thomas N. Bonner. (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1959. xxi, 114 pp. Indexed. \$3.75.) Among the little known explorers of the American West was Jacob H. Schiel, a German geologist with no special medical training who served as official geologist and surgeon with the John W. Gunnison expedition, which left Westport, Missouri, in 1853 to explore possible railroad routes to the Pacific. The party wintered with the Mormons at Salt Lake City and reached the coast in 1854. Published originally in German in 1859, the volume is of special interest as an early book about the West, written by a German and for a German audience.

Trigger Marshal: The Story of Chris Madsen. By Homer Croy. (New York: Duell, Sloan and Pearce, 1958. x, 267 pp. Indexed. \$4.50.) Opening his book with the statement, "Chris Madsen was a greater peace officer than Wyatt Earp," (p. ix) the author moves into the story of the young Dane who came to this country to fight Indians, married, became a peace officer, and wore a silver star for 25 years, during which he patrolled the hay crossings and outlaw dugouts of Oklahoma. Madsen died in Guthrie in 1944 at the age of 92. The author, a native of Missouri, bases much of his narrative on an unpublished manuscript prepared by Madsen and found recently in a trunk.

A Corner in Celebrities. By Alice Elizabeth Trabue. (Louisville, Kentucky: The Filson Club, 1958. 70 pp. Indexed. \$3.75.) The writer believes that one small corner of Frankfort, Kentucky, has probably produced more distinguished men than any like area in the United States and provides a brief biographical sketch of the most noted, including Benjamin Gratz Brown, United States Senator from Missouri, 1860-1867, and Governor of Missouri, 1870-1874; and George Graham Vest, Confederate States Representative from Missouri, 1862-1865, Confederate States Senator from Missouri, 1865, and United States Senator from Missouri, 1880-1903.

Fifty Years of Collecting Americana for the Library of The American Antiquarian Society, 1908-1958. By Clarence S. Brigham. (Worcester, Massachusetts: Clarence S. Brigham, 1958. 185 pp. Indexed. N. p.) The author, now director of the American Anti-

quarian Society, became librarian for the organization in 1908. In this volume he describes 36 of the society's outstanding collections of Americana and reminisces about the early meetings of the group, its publications, its bindery, and the changes in its buildings and grounds.

Things Ain't What They Used To Be. By Scott Meyer. (Hannibal: Western Printing & Lithographing Company, 1958. viii, 104 pp. Not indexed. \$2.00.) The author, a native of Northeast Missouri, has written in a very readable style his recollections of life in the area at the turn of the century. The book, enlivened by a fine sense of humor, tells about people, "how they were born, worked, ate, slept, thought, sought fun and got religion." (p. 7)

Country Year: A Journal of the Seasons at Possum Trot Farm. By Leonard Hall. (New York: Harper & Brothers, 1957. xiv, 208 pp. Not indexed. \$3.50.) With simplicity and beauty the author, who operates a family-sized farm in the Missouri Ozarks near Caledonia, writes about everyday rural life as he lives it, devoting a chapter to each month of the year.

OBITUARIES

CROWLEY, GEORGE W., SR., Springfield: December 20, 1874-July 1, 1958. Lawyer. Assistant to attorney general of Missouri, 1942-1956.*

DENT, LESTER, La Plata: October 12, 1904-March 11, 1959. Dairy farmer. Author. Civic leader. Under the pseudonyms of Kenneth Robeson and Tim Ryan he wrote 280 Doc Savage novels, 1932-1956.*

DRAPER, KATE, Lebanon: January 26, 1882-November 30, 1958.*

GILLUM, RAYMOND R., Marshall: October 13, 1889-March 18, 1959. Pharmacist.*

GRANT, MRS. C. L., Jackson: November 26, 1877-August 5, 1958.*

GUNN, C. GARVIN, Bentonville, Arkansas: June 30, 1893-December 5, 1958.*

HAMACHER, W. E., Clinton: May 23, 1880-December 22, 1957. Organization leader. Established first Piedmont electric light plant, 1915. Former Piedmont mayor.*

HILL, DAVID W., Poplar Bluff: February 25, 1871-March 19, 1959. Attorney. Fraternal and civic leader. Lecturer. State representative, 1905-1908; Speaker of the House, 1905-1906.

HOPSON, GEORGE, De Soto: August 1, 1903-July 4, 1957.*

INNIS, RALPH BRYSON, SR., Kansas City: September 19, 1892-January 17, 1959. Insurance executive.*

JURGENS, ELLA, St. Louis: November 21, 1878-February 12, 1958. Retired public school teacher.*

LEACH, MRS. BLANCHE SHAEFFER, Sedalia: April 18, 1879-March 9, 1959. Author and director of numerous pageants, including dedication of Missouri's present State capitol; director of pageant at Missouri State Fair, August, 1921, in centennial year of statehood.

LOMAX, JOHN C., Clinton: March 6, 1870-July 8, 1958.*

MALSEED, HARRY F., Ferguson: December 19, 1891-December 11, 1958. Photographer.*

MERMOUD, J. FRED, Monett: August 30, 1897-March 14, 1959. Dairy farmer. Active in agricultural organizations.*

MILLER, RAY E., Carl Junction: March 30, 1895-April 24, 1959. Editor and publisher of the *Carl Junction Standard* since 1933. LIFE editor member.*

MITCHELL, S. E., Malden: December 21, 1872-February 4, 1959. Malden physician since 1906. Civic, social, and religious leader.*

MURRAY, HOWELL W., Highland Park, Illinois: December 1, 1890-November 27, 1958.*

POTTER, HOWARD CASE, Springfield: July 5, 1910-March 23, 1959. Attorney. Civic leader. Delegate to 1943-1945 State Constitutional Convention.*

PUCKETT, ERASTUS PAUL, Fayette: April 11, 1882-April 6, 1959. Dean of Central College, 1913-1951; dean emeritus, 1951-1959; acting president, 1924, 1940-1941, 1947-1950. A member of the Society since 1910.*

SCHOONOVER, MRS. IDA, Horton, Kansas: October 8, 1867-February 7, 1958.*

SCUDDER, MRS. CHARLES W., St. Louis: March 29, 1865-November 10, 1958.*

SERENA, JOSEPH A., Lexington, Kentucky: March 18, 1873-March 27, 1959. Christian minister. President of William Woods College, Fulton, 1915-1921. President of Southeast Missouri State College, Cape Girardeau, 1921-1933; president emeritus, 1944-1959.

STAYTON, MRS. EDWARD M., Independence: April 24, 1873-October 25, 1958.*

THILENIUS, MRS. G. E., St. Louis: February 21, 1881-June 5, 1956.*

THILENIUS, GEORGE E., St. Louis: December 27, 1886-December 3, 1958.*

TOWNSEND, ARTHUR W., Richmond Heights: February 23, 1884-August 19, 1957. Salesman.*

VAUGHAN, T. E., Columbia: March 7, 1878-January 22, 1959. Retired educator.*

YOUNGS, ELMER E., Lexington, Nebraska: January 16, 1869-June 22, 1958.*

*A member of the Society.

MISSOURI HISTORY NOT FOUND IN TEXTBOOKS

LET'S ALL CLEAN OUT THE SPRINGS!

From the Jefferson City *State Times*, August 27, 1886.

Mr. Alvin Allec, who lives between Jamestown and California, recently cleaned out a spring on a public road side and discovered in the bottom a half pint of whisky, \$2.35 in silver, two French harps, two pocket knives, two carpenter's rules and several other articles. The whisky was found to be of excellent quality.

PORCELAIN MANUFACTURE IN ST. LOUIS

From the Columbia *Missouri Statesman*, June 27, 1845.

Missouri Queensware. We learn from the St. Louis *Reporter* that the experiment which has been made in that city by G. F. Telleys, of manufacturing queensware, has proved entirely successful. The business there is to be enlarged. The *Reporter* says:

An indispensable ingredient in the manufacture of porcelain, or semi-transparent China, which in Europe is prepared with immense labor, is found here in state of nature, requiring no preparation, and in quantity sufficient for the demand of the whole globe throughout all future time. In Europe the *white flint* is used for this purpose, which is brought to a white heat then suddenly plunged into cold water, and afterwards ground to an impalpable powder. A superior article *ready prepared*, is found here in the white flint sands of St. [sic] Genevieve and the neighborhood of St. Peters.

KEEP YOUR LOCAL HISTORY ALIVE

Extracted from Kenneth M. Shuck, "A Message to Communities—'Keep Your Local History Alive,'" *Ozarks Mountaineer*, March, 1959.

How can you help to preserve your local history? If your county has an historical society, join it and attend its meetings. You will be richly rewarded by the knowledge you gain. If there is no historical society in your area, organize one. (If you are in the Missouri Ozarks write to Floyd C. Shoemaker, Secretary of the State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, for suggestions as to your organization. For the meager sum of one dollar a year you can join the Society, one of the finest in the country! With that membership you will receive free the Missouri Historical Review, a beautifully printed quarterly, chock full of Missouri's history. No better bargain exists today.)

WESTERN TRAVEL DE LUXE, 1845

From the Columbia *Missouri Statesman*, May 16, 1845.

Independence *Expositor* of the 3rd says that there are from two to three thousand emigrants assembled in that vicinity for Oregon. They expected to

start about the 10th inst. The editor thus describes one of the wagons and its contents:

"On looking out at the passing train, we see among the foremost, a very comfortably covered wagon; one of the sheets is drawn aside, and there is an extremely nice looking lady seated inside, very quietly sewing; the bottom of the wagon is carpeted; there are two or three chairs, and at one end a bureau, surmounted by a mirror; various articles of ornament and convenience hang around the sides—a perfect prairie boudoir. Blessed be woman! Shedding light and happiness where'er she goes; with her the wild prairies will be a perfect paradise! Blessed be him who gave us this connecting link between Heaven and man, to win us from our wilder ways!"

WANTED: A HISTORICAL SOCIETY

From the editorial page of the *Elisbury Democrat*, February 27, 1959:

Wanted—some progressive and enterprising citizens of Lincoln County to sponsor the organization of a Lincoln County Historical Society. Certainly it is something that is urgently needed to preserve the history of our county I am sure there will be many Lincoln County citizens who will rally to the cause and give . . . what assistance they can. I believe it would be a fine thing for some organization in the County to adopt a county historical society as their project. Lincoln County, as is the case with most Missouri counties, is steeped in interesting history that dates back many years. While it is true that we have a few old histories of the county, these are scarce and not easily obtainable. Many of the older citizens of the county who could have furnished historical facts, have died and unless some action is taken soon, much of this historical data will be lost for good. . . .

HOW TO JUDGE THE WEIGHT OF LIVESTOCK

From the Columbia *Missouri Statesman*, June 14, 1844.

Method of Ascertaining the Weight of Cattle While Living. This is of utmost utility for all those who are experienced judges by the eye, and, by the following directions, the weight can be ascertained within a mere trifle. Take a string, put it around the beast, standing square, just behind the shoulderblades; measure on a foot rule the feet and inches the animal is in circumference: this is called the girth; then, with the string, measure from the bone of the tail which plumbs the line with the hinder part of the buttock, direct the line along the back to the forepart of the shoulder-blade; take the dimensions on the foot rule as before, which is the length, and work the figures in the following manner: girth of the bullock, 6 feet 4 inches; length 5 feet 3 inches; which multiplied together, make 34 squat superficial feet; that again multiplied by 23 (the number of pounds allowed to each superficial foot of all cattle measuring less than seven and more than five feet in girth,) makes 713 lbs.; and allowing 14 lbs. to the stone; is 50 stone 13 lbs. Where the animal measures less than nine and more than seven feet in girth, 31 is the number of pounds to each superficial foot.

ANOTHER TRIBUTE TO WALTER WILLIAMS

From the editorial page of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, March 3, 1959.

Through a letter to Dr. Elmer Ellis, President Eisenhower has extended his personal and "special welcome" to more than 100 representatives of press, radio and television from some 50 countries who have assembled at the University of Missouri for the Press Congress of the World. . . .

Thanks to careful thought and planning these visitors from overseas, specially selected and invited, have been guests of United States newspapers and radio and television stations. Over the week-end they converged on . . . Columbia where they are taking part in panels and discussions of common problems. For three days outstanding American editors, publishers and correspondents join them in threshing out such problems as the flow of news between nations and the responsibilities of the press and the newer forms of communication.

Dean Earl F. English carries on a tradition of the late Dean Walter Williams, later President of the University, in assembling this galaxy of journalists from over the world. Dean Williams was devoted to the idea of world advance through international exchange of ideas, knowledge, skills, hopes and aspirations. Walter Williams was the guiding spirit of earlier assemblies in San Francisco, Honolulu and Geneva, and was planning another near the end of his life. This observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the University of Missouri's School of Journalism is also a living, busy, friendly, inevitably constructive memorial to the school's both visionary and practical founder. . . .

OUR COVERED BRIDGES

From the Warrensburg *Daily Star-Journal*, April 27, 1959.

Those who have a fondness for the old covered bridge had better make a trip or two and enjoy them while they can, for they are rapidly disappearing.

Johnson Countians are fortunate as they won't have to go far to see one of the few remaining ones in Missouri. It is located in Pettis County, the next one to the east of this county.

Able Missouri historian Floyd C. Shoemaker has just had an interesting piece in the latest Historical Review on Missouri's covered bridges. He observes that while there were once thousands of these structures, probably less than 1,200 now stand in the entire United States.

The remainder have been lost as a result of fire, flood, ice jams and the ravages of time, while still others have succumbed to the march of progress. . . .

This action on the part of Platte County [in preserving "Noah's Ark Bridge"] is most commendable, Mr. Shoemaker points out, and a viewpoint we heartily agree with. . . . Perhaps the time has come, Missouri's first rank historian cautions, if these authentic remnants of Missouriana are to be preserved in their original settings, local groups must take an active interest and play the leading role.

(A historical site that Warrensburg and all of Johnson County should get down to business on is the old Court House in west Warrensburg where Senator Graham Vest gave his famous Tribute To A Dog.)

A project of this type, Mr. Shoemaker explains, is most appropriately handled through local initiative, since local officials and citizens who may be concerned

for the preservation of local historical structures are in a position to best evaluate the problems connected with the project. It should be the earnest hope of all that Missouri's remaining covered bridges will be preserved.

MISSOURI WRITERS GUILD EXERTS FAR REACHING INFLUENCE

From a letter written by Lee Shippey, Del Mar, California, former editor of the Higginsville *Jeffersonian*, to Floyd C. Shoemaker, May 5, 1959, in response to a telegram of felicitation sent by the Missouri Writers Guild from its annual meeting in Columbia on May 4.

Western Union has just telephoned me the message from the Guild, which puts me in such a pleasant dither I can't recall just what it said, but I asked it to be mailed to me. It is good to recall the dear persons who launched the grand old organization. May it go on to glory in the next fifty years.

Did you know the M. W. G. is the father of the California Writers Guild? Louis Dodge, Grace Strickler Dawson, Clifford Knight, Dr. Lawrence E. Nelson of the University of Redlands and I, all former members of M. W. G., were inspired by Louis Mertins, also a former member, to organize the California W. G. 26 years ago. Robert Frost, born in California, presided at a meeting at Occidental College to form it. Frost still is honorary president. Dodge was elected president and I was named veep. Then Dodge got so busy with his novel, "The American," that he resigned and I automatically became president, continuing as such until last year, when Allan Vaughan Elston, also a Missourian, was elected. Irving Stone, Richard Armour, Gwen Bristow and quite a lot of noted writers belong.

[EDITOR'S NOTE. The Missouri Writers Guild was founded in Columbia on May 4, 1915, the first permanent officers being William H. Hamby, president; J. Breckenridge Ellis and Mrs. Emily Newell Blair, vice presidents; and Floyd C. Shoemaker, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Shippey was elected president in 1916 and founded and edited the *Missouri Writers Guild News*; Mr. Shoemaker served as secretary-treasurer until 1920. These two and Homer Croy are among the few surviving founders of the Guild.]

DECEPTION AT THE CROSSROADS

From the Franklin *Missouri Intelligencer*, August 26, 1820.

Caution to Travellers. On the main road from St. Charles to Franklin, about 75 miles from the latter, as the writer of this was informed at Mr. Fruit's; he did not advance from that place above a quarter of a mile when he observed a road branching off towards the left and a sign-post setting forth that the road to Franklin, by Smithton, is only 62 miles. Now this same road, when it branches off, and indeed, continues for several miles, very smooth, and well marked with carriage, wheels, drawn, it would seem, for the mere purpose of enticing the traveller that way. Having advanced, perhaps 7 miles, he arrives at a house, previous to which, the carriage marks and road nearly vanish: then he is guided, chiefly by blazed trees and stakes, "many a weary, many a wandering foot," through as tedious a rout as ever bewildered wight explored, without seeing a house or habitation, for about 20 miles; then, at Mr. Todd's he will learn that Smithton is still 8 miles distant—a town consisting of one or two houses, where he *cannot* be accommodated.

dated. The only alternative left him is, to make the best of his way to the main road, by crossing, in a north direction, about 4 miles. Whether the motives of the projectors of this tedious route were to aid or mislead the traveller, or to answer some other private purpose, the writer, being an entire stranger, will not take upon him to say—but can assure them they have anything but his thanks, and those of his horse, for his pains and shall only add, whoever would comprehend the following effusion, ("Had you seen this road before it was made, You'd lift up your hands and bless General Wade")—had best go this road.

A TRAVELLER

THE ORGAN THAT TRAVELED

Adapted from a sketch submitted by Stella M. Neal, Columbia, Missouri.

In March, 1877, we moved from a small town in eastern Kansas to an 80-acre farm in the woods of Adair County, Missouri, ten miles south of Kirksville and four miles from Brashear, where we traded. Though both my parents had lived on farms in their younger days, it was a great change to come to this log cabin, where life was lived in the most primitive way.

The most prized bit of furniture we brought with us was my mother's cottage organ, a Mason & Hamlin if I remember correctly. The only organ for many miles around, it was considered a great attraction, and many people came just to see and hear my mother play it. So it was no surprise when a farmer whom we had met at a church social dropped in to see my mother.

"Mrs. Miller," he said, "I'm chairman of the committee in charge of the Fourth of July celebration to be held in the walnut grove, and I've come to see if you'd consider coming and bringing your organ and playing with the other musicians that day."

"What musicians?" she asked.

"The G. A. R. band and accordion players and many fiddlers."

We were newcomers to the community, and mother knew that if she accepted it would be a gesture of friendliness, so she answered:

"I'll be glad to. But what music have you had in other years?"

"Just those I mentioned, ma'am, but it sounded like we were giving a dance instead of a patriotic affair. There'll be speeches from prominent people such as ministers, and all the G. A. R. songs will be sung. I'll take the organ both ways and wrap it in comforts so it can't get scratched."

"If it rains the organ will stay home."

"Of course, and so would most everybody. Do you have to ask your husband?" he asked.

"Oh, no. The organ's mine. I bought it with money saved from teaching two years in a country school in Iowa. That's why I value it so much."

There could never have been a better day than that Fourth of July, and the organ made both trips safely. When mother began to play with the G. A. R. band without music everyone marveled, and when she accompanied singers the same way they were even more surprised. After the program was over many crowded around and said they'd like to hear mother play again, so naturally they were invited to our house, and many came.

When school activities began that fall a man who came from Kirksville one night a week to give singing lessons asked if he could bring the class to our home

so they might sing with the organ. Of course mother agreed, and on the next night some 25 youngsters crowded into our living room, and the lesson took place.

Our organ traveled to help teachers give exhibitions in which all the pupils took part before their admiring parents. I always went along and often played a duet with mother. After rain twice forced mother and me to stay away from home all night, father said the organ was through traveling and was staying home. Mother gave organ lessons after that, and so the organ grew old.

When we moved to Denver for a time the organ went also, but it came back to Lawrence, Kansas, when I entered college. A year later the organ was traded in as part down payment on a piano. I think mother was sorry to let it go, but money was scarce, so I do not know where our old traveled organ came to its last home.

MISSOURI HISTORICAL DATA IN MAGAZINES

Arkansas Historical Quarterly, Spring, 1959: "Diary of an Unknown Soldier," edited by Elsa Vaught.

Bulletin of the Missouri Historical Society, April, 1959: "James Baird, Early Santa Fe Trader," by Frank B. Golley; "The Authorship of 'The Missouri Trapper,'" by Edgeley W. Todd; "Journey to a Wedding"; "Arrow Rock, Missouri," by Charles van Ravenswaay; "I at Home: Part VI," by Stephen Hempstead, Sr., edited by Mrs. Dana O. Jensen.

Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine, April, 1959: "Sesquicentennial in Missouri—Fort Osage," by Mrs. James H. Barnes.

Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians, March, 1959: "New Madrid on the Mississippi," by John W. Reps.

Museum News, April, 1959: "Municipal Splendor: The City Art Museum of St. Louis, in its Jubilee Year, Commemorates the Foresight of a Pioneer City and State," by Charles Nagel.

Ozarks Mountaineer, March, 1959: "Stockton Happily Comingles the Best of the Old and the New Days"; "Union Forces 97 Years Ago Recapture Springfield Without Struggle," by F. P. Rose; "Caplinger," Once the Region's Largest Water Mill," by Alvin R. Jones; "American Sunday School Union Serves Backward Youth of the Hills," by Ronald H. Hull.

, April, 1959: "Versailles' Colorful Life in Its Younger Days," by Dorothy Bartram; "Slavery Once Prevailed Throughout Our Hills," by Clyde Edwin Tuck; "Viewing The Steamboat Going Up The Missouri," by S. C. Turnbo.

Trail Guide, Kansas City Posse, The Westerners, March, 1959: "Kansas City's Hannibal Bridge: Western Town-Booming and Eastern Capital," by Charles N. Glaab.

Utah Historical Quarterly, April, 1959: "The Pony Express, Heroic Effort—Tragic End," by Raymond W. Settle.

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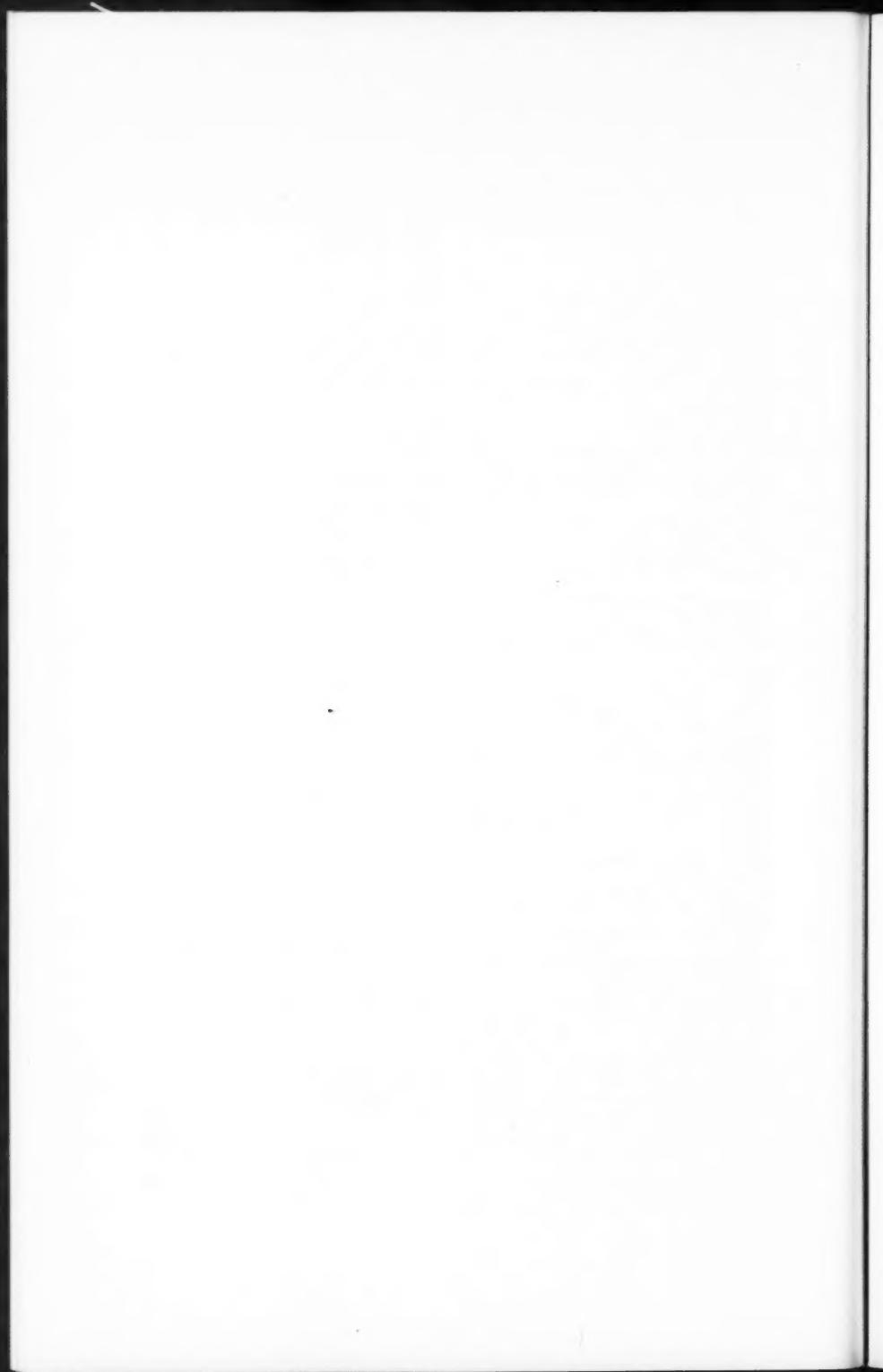
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COLUMBIA, Mo., June 30—The State Historical Society of Missouri has selected the work of local and county historical societies as the principal theme for its 61st annual meeting to be held here Sept. 25, Floyd C. Shoemaker, secretary of the Society, announced today.

The University of Missouri Division of Continuing Education, he said, will cooperate with the Society in presenting a study conference on this subject the evening of the 25th and all day the 26th.

The theme will be placed before the conference by Dr. Clifford L. Lord, dean of the School of General Studies, Columbia University, New York City, who will be guest speaker at the Society's annual luncheon. Dr. Lord, who is also president of the American Association for State and Local History, will speak on "The Importance of the Work of Local Historical Societies." Rush H. Limbaugh of Cape Girardeau, president of the Society, will preside at the luncheon.

Dr. Shoemaker said that the State Historical Society and the University, having recognized the growing interest in regional history, will present a program designed to assist local historical groups with their problems and work.

State and national experts will participate in the program. They will give talks and demonstrations in the fields of the preservation of historic sites, the development of museums, the collection and processing of historical materials, and the writing of historical features for local newspapers.

OLD JAIL MUSEUM



Schuster Studio, Owensville

As a part of the Vienna centennial celebration in 1955 the centennial committee purchased one of the few remaining landmarks in the town to preserve for posterity. This building, the old county jail, built in the late 1850's, is now the Old

Jail Museum. Funds for the purchase came partially from sales of a commemorative plate and of *Vienna Centennial*, a history of the town and Maries County.

When the museum officially opened on September 2, 1955, many of the visitors were even more interested in the structure itself than in the contents. The two-story, gable-roofed building was constructed with outside walls of stone blocks, 16 inches thick, quarried from a nearby hillside and tediously chipped to shape by hand.

The ground floor, which was frequently occupied by the jailer and his family, has two rooms with fireplaces at opposite ends of the building. The ceiling of the east room is of hand hewn beams set solidly against each other, forming also the floor of the room, or cell, above. This east cell on the second floor was the dungeon—with its solid and impenetrable floor, stone walls, and ceiling covered with iron sheets. The windows, about seven by thirteen inches, were fitted with an iron framework with short vertical iron bars, and the entrance consisted of double iron doors, one with lattice work and the other solid. The west cell, with larger windows and less severe doors, was also tight enough to discourage escape.

The pastime of the prisoners is still revealed in the names, offences, smut, secret thoughts, hopes, and poetic ambitions which are engraved on the walls.

The building, an attraction in itself, now contains a varied display of exhibits which have been donated or loaned by the people of Maries County.



*From an original wood engraving by Fred Geary,
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THE HOME OF COLE YOUNGER

The old Cole Younger home is located in Jackson County, about four and one-half miles south of Lee's Summit on U. S. 71 By-Pass and is easily visible from the highway. Unusual in that it has three rooms downstairs and six on the second floor, the home looks much as it did years ago, except that a lean-to has been added at the back and a television antenna adorns the roof.

Cole's father, Henry Washington Younger, came from Kentucky as a young man, settled in Jackson County, and met and married Bersheba Fristoe. He soon became a well-to-do stockman, farmer, and merchant. Thomas Coleman "Cole" Younger, the seventh of 14 children, was born on January 15, 1844, and at 17 became a member of the Confederate guerrilla forces. Shortly thereafter, on July 20, 1862, his father was found dead three miles south of Westport on the Harrisonville road, where he was shot and robbed while riding in his carriage.

Cole declined to settle down after the war and chose a career which led to his arrest during an attempt to rob the Northfield, Minnesota, bank in 1876. After pleading guilty and being sentenced to life imprisonment, Cole became a model prisoner and was paroled in 1901. On completing three years of residence in Minnesota to fulfill parole requirements, Cole returned to Missouri, where he lived as a good citizen, affectionately known to the younger generation as "Uncle Cole," until his death in 1916. His grave is located in the nearby Lee's Summit cemetery.

